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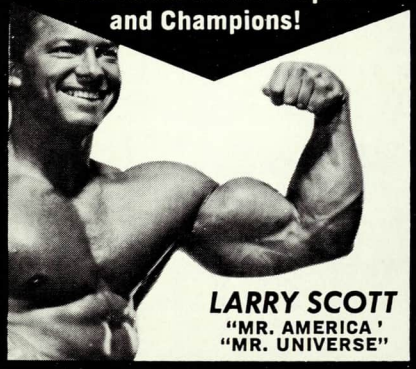

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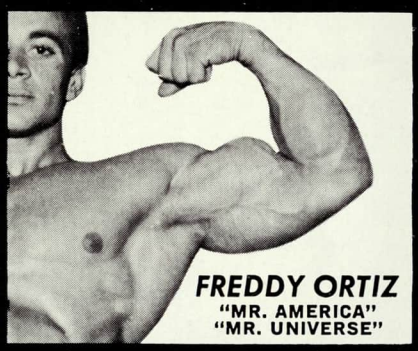

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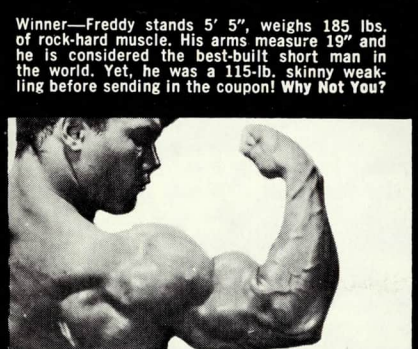

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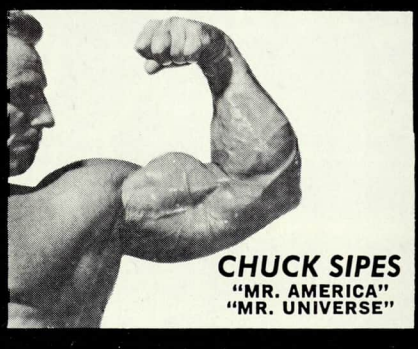

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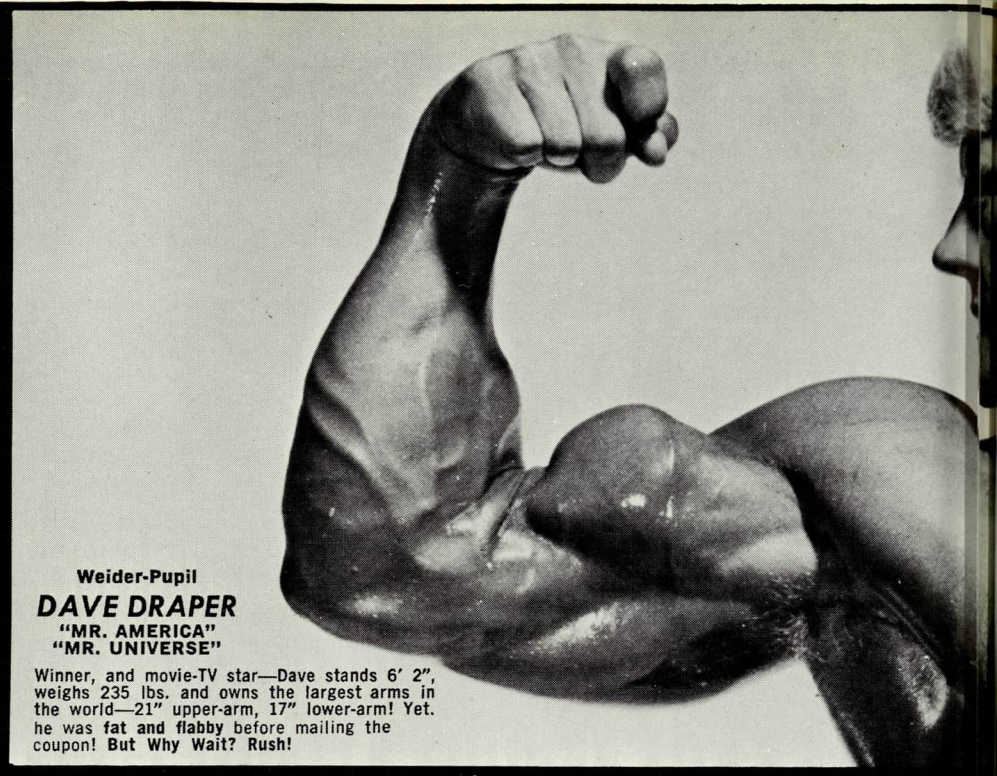

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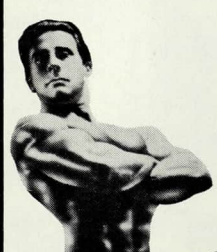

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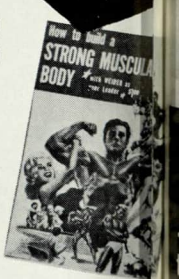

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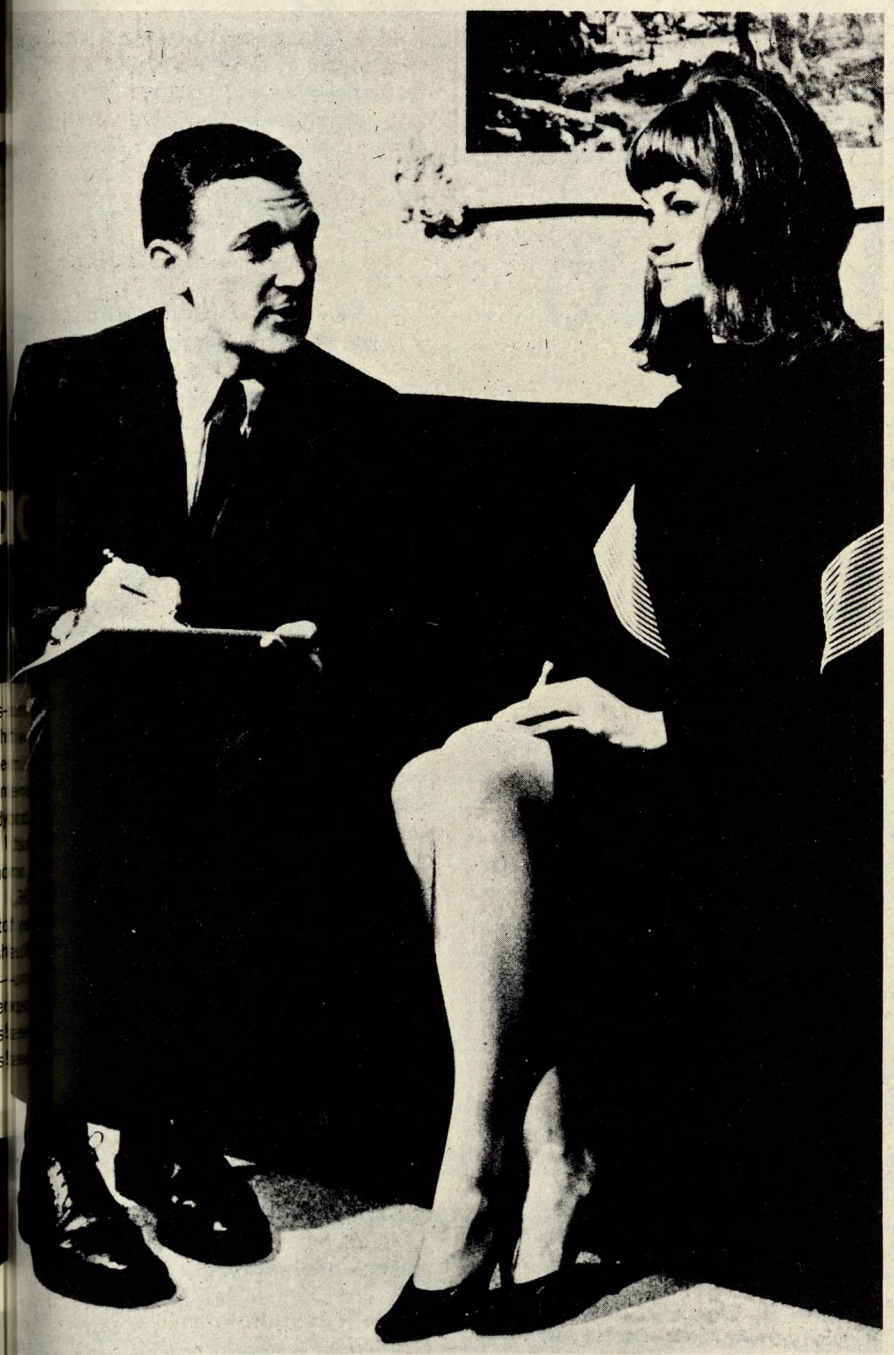

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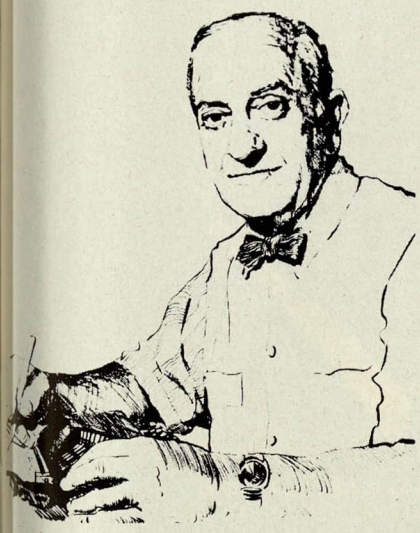


Speaks Out!!!

FLEISCHER

THE annual convention of the World Boxing Association, in Pittsburgh, details of which will be found in another part of this magazine, raised the hope that, under a new administration, fully warned of abuses which must be corrected, it will set out on a more useful and more logical line.

The American members of the association have led themselves to believe that U.S.A. boxing means world boxing, and that a nationalistic view of boxing administration and problems will be accepted by ring officials around the world without a word of cavil or question.

The Oriental Boxing Federation, which represents a sizable and important segment of the WBA, has warned the association that it is not a U.S.A. Federation, and that the Philippines, Thailand, Japan and other areas in the Asian sector demand and deserve respect, consideration and complete involvement in the government of world boxing.

That the Oriental Federation means business is shouted by the retirement of the Philippines from the WBA.

The Philippines organization has a knowledgeable, militant and logical boxing chief in Justiniano Montano, Jr. He also is the president of the Oriental Federation.

He presented to the WBA a bill of particulars of abuses and bad practices which the new administration, headed by Emile Bruneau, cannot afford to ignore.

Bruneau knows a lot about boxing. He certainly qualifies for the presidency of the WBA. But it would have been wise, at this time, to have elected somebody outside of the American membership—Montano, for example.

There is a lot of boxing around the world, in places like the Philippines, Japan, the Argentine, Mexico, Thailand, Korea, Australia, England, France, Spain and Central America.

The boxers and the promoters in these sectors deserve educated and just representation in any organization which calls itself a World Boxing Association.

The ratings of any world-wide body must be fair, and based on achievement and not on favoritism. They must be authored by men thoroughly conversant with world boxing and eager to give their just dues to fighters no matter from what nation.

Montano's militant manifesto calls attention to the poor quality of the WBA ratings.

Getting up these ratings under current world-wide conditions is not the easiest job in the world. But it can be done, with constant determination to honor those who should be honored.

Montano also demands that American representatives of the WBA stop junketing. Too many WBA officials have appeared at fights held in distant places, with their expenses paid by foreign promoters. This practice, Montano charges, cheapens the WBA and Montano's angle is correct.

Montano's charges also lash at the WBA for lack of uniformity in interpreting its rules and regulations, especially when titles are concerned.

This is something for which The Ring has taken WBA to task often. It has acted too many times with recognition of the identities of the people involved rather than the fact.

A member of the WBA resigns on good and sound charges. But let it be told that it could land a big fight if it went back to the association, what's the result? Immediate return.

Montano also attacks the WBA edict which tried to take the world heavyweight title from Cassius Clay. He points out that since Clay's political mess is strictly one for the United States to handle, foreign officials and promoters should not have been involved in the situation while the champion's case still was pending in the courts, as it still is.

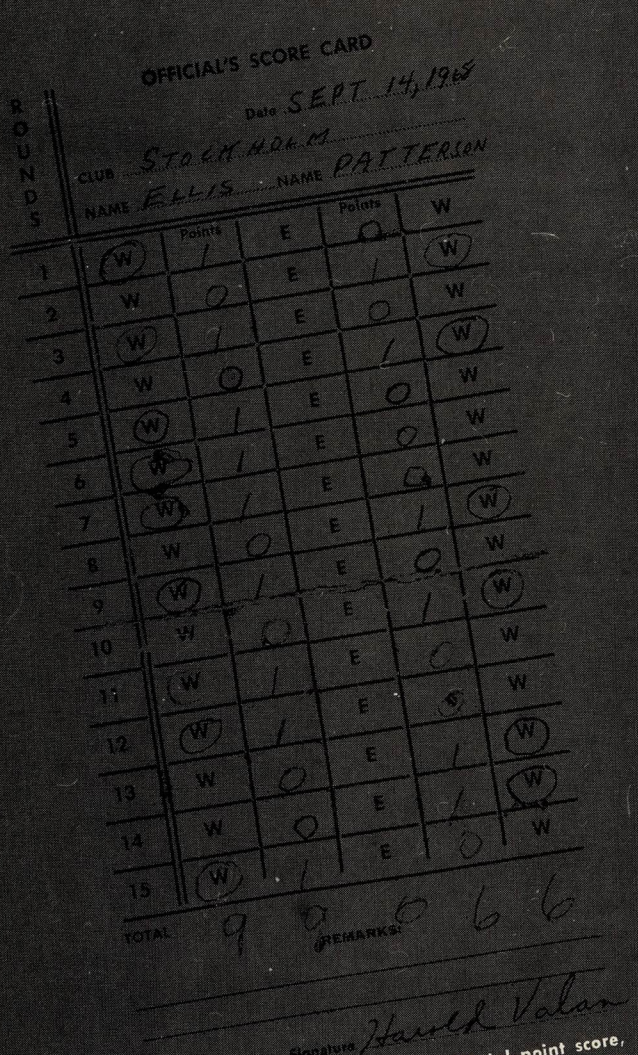
Again Montano calls the attention of American officials to their tendency to regard the U.S.A. as the world insofar as boxing administration is concerned.

Montano attacks continued discord between the WBA and the World Boxing Council.

This is a matter in which it is difficult for American officials to take sides.

If the Council has a tendency to split boxing government the world over, The Ring must be convinced that there is room for the Council in what could become an overcrowded situation.

The Ring hopes that the new administration in the WBA will govern with a strong hand, with justice for all, with recognition of forces outside of the United States, and with the feeling that every WBA move comes under close scrutiny of universal boxing.



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Signature Harold Valan

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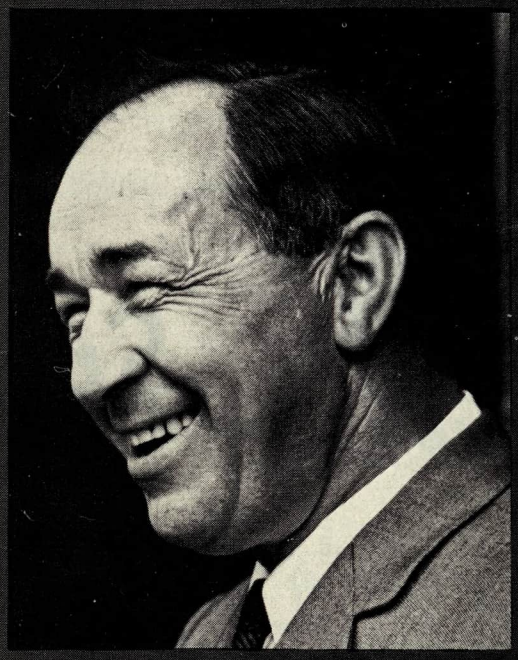

Here is Harold Valan himself, New York referee whose verdict after Stockholm fight set off a storm of disagreement.

REFEREE'S VERDICT FOR ELLIS DRAWS FIRE FROM TVers

By NAT FLEISCHER

Editor and Publisher of The Ring

ON the night of Saturday, September 14, before 25,000 witnesses in the soccer arena at Stockholm, Sweden, Jimmy Ellis, of Louisville, Ky., WBA leader of the heavyweight contenders, got a 15-round decision over Floyd Patterson, former two-time holder of the world title, now a resident of the Swedish capital.

There were no judges to assist in rendering the decision. It was delivered by Harold Valan, of New York, the referee, who had been asked to officiate because he had done splendid jobs in big fights at Milan, Italy and in Australia, and was an accredited official in New York and New Jersey.

Valan, age 51, one-time good if not title-contending lightweight, with vast experience as the third man, did not merely award the fight to Ellis. He called Jimmy a winner by the wide margin of nine rounds to six.

Valan's decision excited worldwide interest. Thousands of onlookers in Stockholm criticized the verdict as being the precise antithesis of what had been expected.

Millions of boxing fans around the world, with stress on the readership of The Ring Magazine, felt that Patterson had been the victim of a gross injustice.

Hundreds of Ring readers who wrote to this magazine with ire, dissatisfaction, disagreement, and disbelief that Valan had nod to Ellis rather than to Floyd, appealed to this publication, and me for support in their attacks on the referee.

Among the hundreds of letters a heavily disproportionate nu ber supported Valan and his decision.

Some few were "willing to give Valan some benefit of doubt," and called it a draw.

But the tremendous majority blasted Valan and charged h with everything from plain error to favoritism, incompeten mental and visual blocks against Patterson, adherence to a wro system of scoring, and even the cardinal sin of the sellout.

That Valan may have been in error is a possibility. But all the other charges against him in letters to The Ring are witho support. His competence, his probity, his total lack of bias m be stressed here and now.

Blasters of Valan in The Ring's mail trace their complaints what they saw in the worldwide telecast of the fight.

That TV is not always a reliable reporter has been stress in the past, and reopens up a debate which is handled elsewh in this issue of The Ring by Nat Loubet, its Managing Editor.

Some of The Ring's letter writers regarded the Valan verd as an indictment of the Swedish

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EXCLUSIVE STORY OF ELLIS DECISION BY REFEREE VALAN

By HAROLD VALAN

Referee of the Ellis-Patterson Fight

WHEN I contracted to fly to Stockholm, Sweden, and referee the fight between Jimmy Ellis and Floyd Patterson, I certainly had no premonition or suspicion that I s to become involved in what we call a hassle.

Sitting in with the brass in The Ring office before I headed r Sweden, I heard the editors discuss the wild possibilities of e fight.

Said Nat Fleischer, "Wouldn't it be funny if Patterson knocked t Ellis, and we had a third meeting of Floyd and Sonny Liston, d went back, all over again, to 1962 and 1963?"

I said, "When two heavyweights of class meet, there is no tell- g what to expect. A swing from the floor and the experts look e dummies."

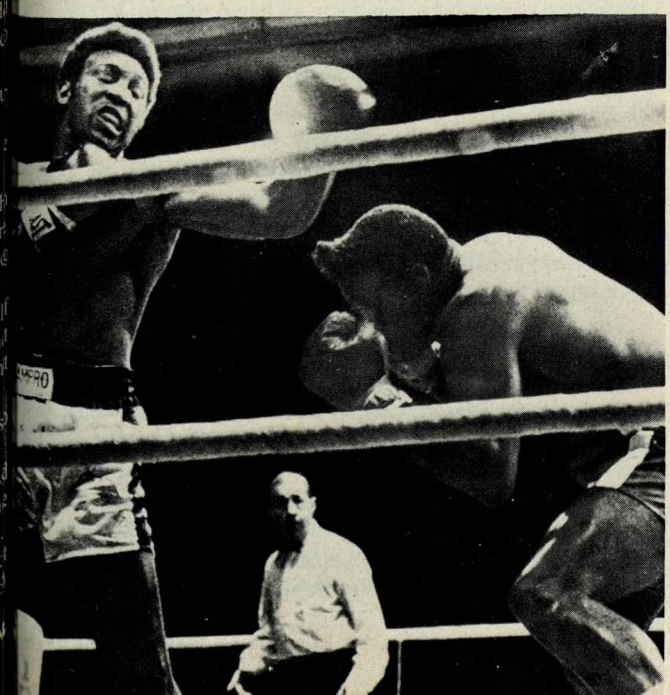
Little did I dream that there would be quite a few "swings om the floor," that I would be subjected to wild and uncalled r criticism for a just and fair verdict, which went to Ellis.

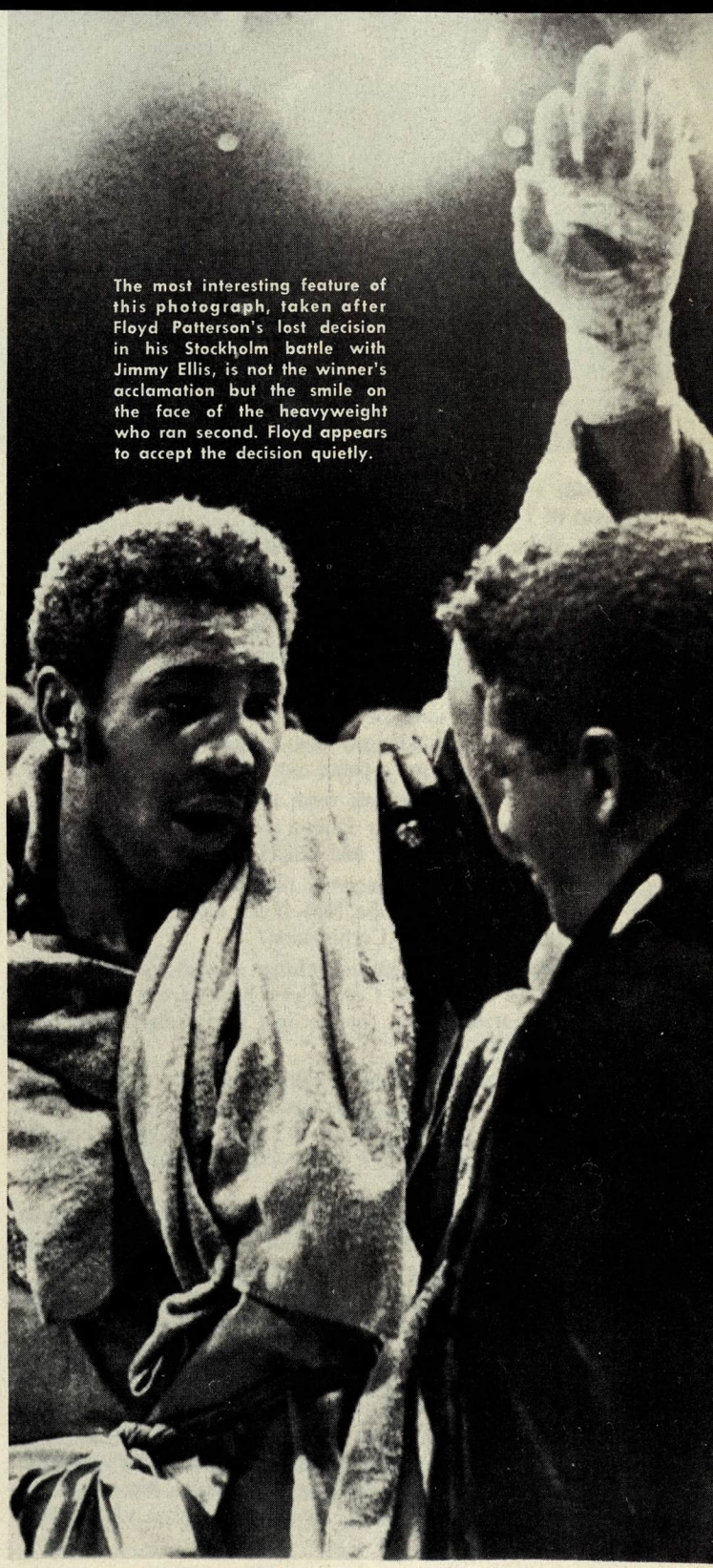
I saw Jimmy win by nine rounds to six. I would make a similar ecision if, in a rematch, I had the privilege of being the referee gain, and circumstances in the 45 minutes of action were similar nose I saw that chilly night in Stockholm.

When the fight ended and I put down Ellis as the winner of ound 15, after having scored the 13th and 14th for Patterson, did not occur to me that it had been closer than nine to six.

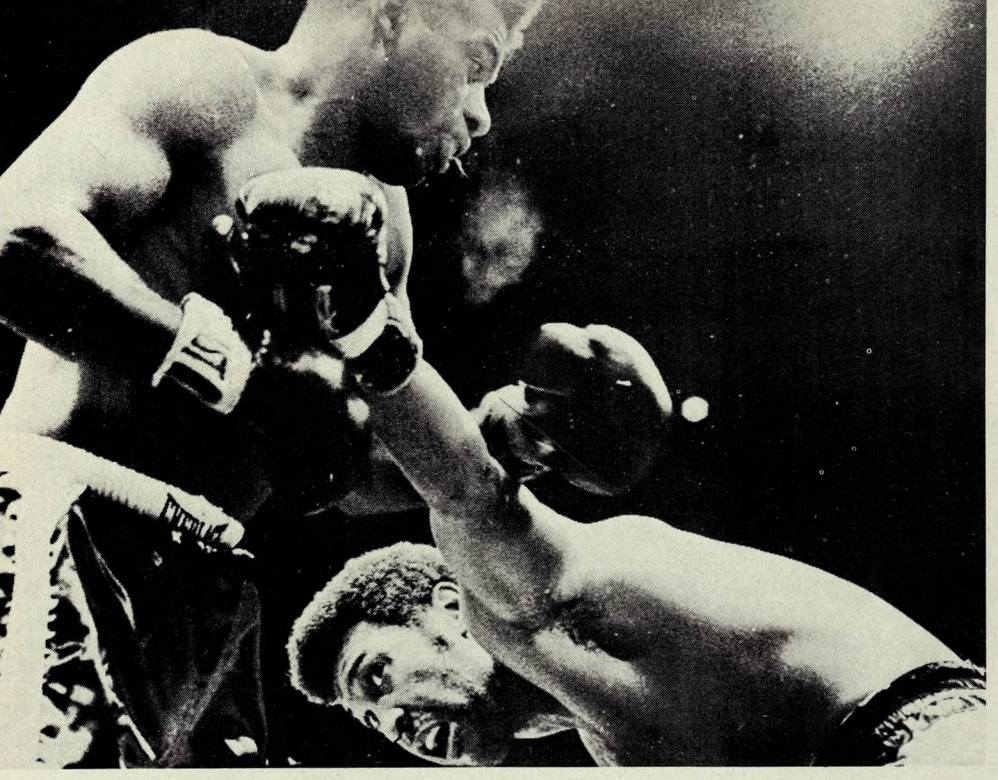
After I had completed my score sheet, round by round, I aited for somebody in authority to take that card from me for e official records.

Below we see Patterson, using his old peekaboo defense, slipping under an Ellis punch in seventh round, which was awarded to Jimmy by referee Valan.





The most interesting feature of this photograph, taken after Floyd Patterson's lost decision in his Stockholm battle with Jimmy Ellis, is not the winner's acclamation but the smile on the face of the heavyweight who ran second. Floyd appears to accept the decision quietly.



On left, Ellis is shown popping a left from below to Patterson's jaw, in the fifth round. It was won by the WBA leader, which made the point score 3-2.

To the right, Ellis, who just has beaten Patterson, is rewarded with an ecstatic kiss by his wife Marietta, who flew a long way from Louisville for this.

Nobody asked for the card. I have it yet. It is reproduced in this issue of The Ring.

Some of the 25,000 spectators voiced their disapproval of the decision. But a referee gets used to that sort of thing. There always are dissenters, sometimes even after a clean knockout, which biased onlookers will translate into a foul blow.

Contrary to what some writers extracted from their typewriters, there was no demonstration against me.

Contrary to what some of the reporters chose to write, I did not have any trouble making my way through the crowd after the fight, and I did not require a police escort from the battle ground.

As I walked down the aisle from the ring I stopped to sign maybe two dozen autographs. Does a referee in danger of physical trouble make so leisurely and peaceful an exit?

I believe that I am a competent referee. Otherwise, would I be on the official staff of the New York Commission, and on call from the New Jersey Commission?

If I were not competent to referee a world championship fight, would the New York Commission have named me to work in the Tiger-Torres contest for the light heavyweight championship of the world?

I gave the Stockholm fight to Ellis because he won it. I was right there in the ring, as close as possible to Patterson and Ellis. I had by far the best opportunity to judge the fight. I had the ability to translate what I saw into points of advantage and disadvantage.

I found myself, on returning to New York, under vehement criticism from people who had seen the contest on the television screen, thousands of miles from the battle scene.

These TV viewers regarded themselves as fit to challenge me and my decision. How could they trust what they saw on TV, which so often distorts the picture and proves unreliable from a variety of considerations, against what I, the third man in the ring, saw in the 15 rounds from every angle of the action?

Let me discard the role of referee discussing his decision to that of reporter for The Ring Magazine, which had engaged me to write about big fights in Milan and Australia, between Mazzinghi and Ki Soo Kim, and Burruni and Gattellari, which I had refereed.

Let me discuss Patterson against Ellis, only as a reporter. Floyd was in excellent condition and he fought a reasonay good, if not faultless, fight.

Floyd was as good a Patterson as I had seen in action.

However, he did not put on an aggressive attack. He did show enough to warrant displacing Ellis as the champion of World Boxing Association.

AT NO TIME DID FLOYD PATTERSON, WITH MUCH AT STAKE, TAKE THE INITIATIVE.

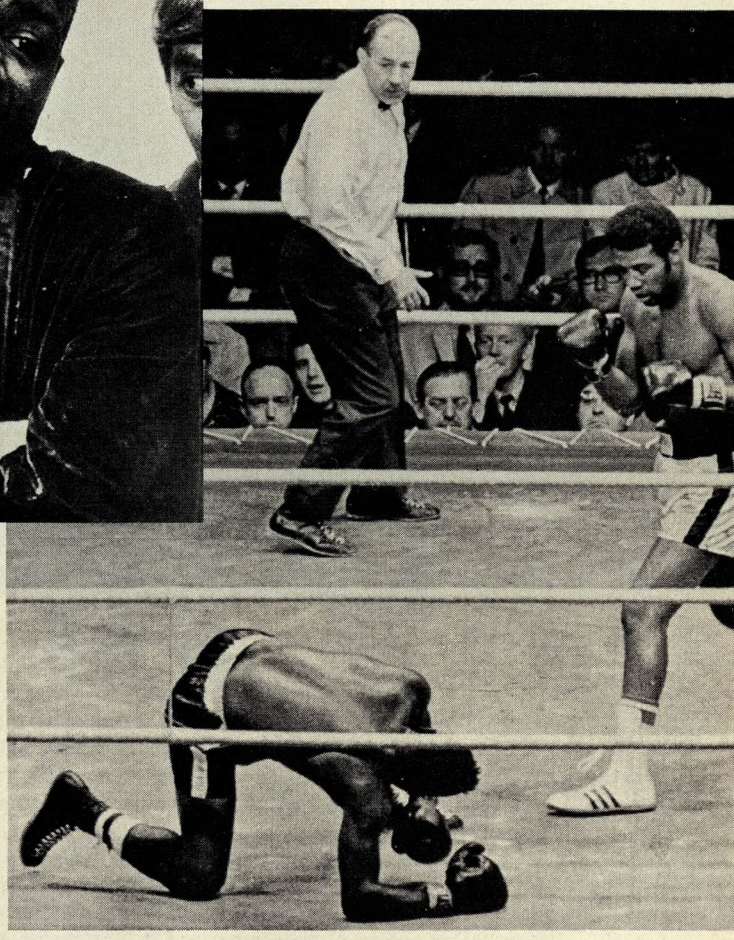
Floyd backed away for 15 rounds. I am told that he fractu Jimmy's nose. He cut his eye in Round Two. You would th that a heavyweight who had achieved these points of advant would press the fight and show eagerness for the WBA title.

But Patterson did not show this eagerness, this essen combativeness.

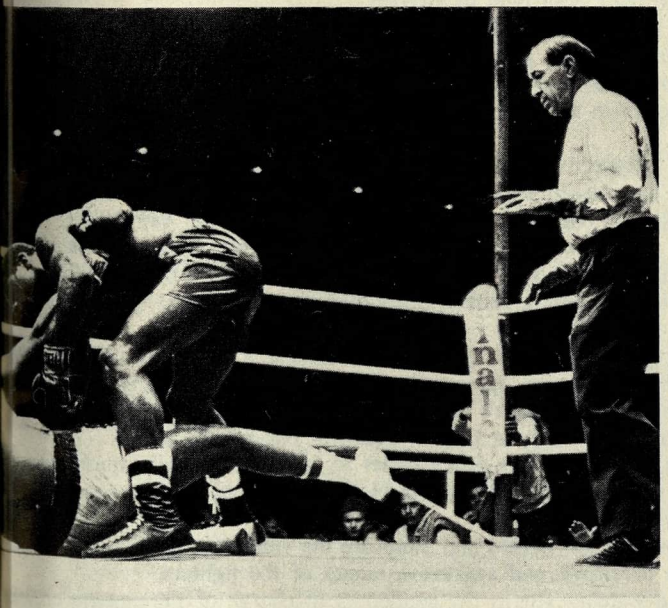
Always the perfect gentleman? Yes. Patterson did not co plain about the decision when I made it, he did not holler in newspapers the next day. He knew that he had not beaten El or fought a draw with him.

Patterson used that old Cus D'Amato peekaboo style. In clo Floyd was nothing. Ellis was trying to make a fight.

In the eighth round Ellis stunned Floyd and woke him Patterson won that round. But he did not follow through in



Patterson is shown above in post-fight press conference. Note that the onetime heavyweight champion is taking the decision rather calmly. There was no "I was robbed" beef by Floyd. He seems to be saying, "So what?" On right, Patterson just has slipped, in second round. Below, both fighters tumble in 14th.



ninth. He won the 10th but blew the 11th and 12th.

Ellis kept flicking and scoring. Remember the name of the game is BOXING. Jimmy was the aggressor in Rounds One, Three, Five, Six and Seven.

Patterson has been fighting for a long time. Is he ready to quit? I would not advise him to do this. I believe that a Patterson-Frazier contest would pack any arena in which it was staged.

Popular sentiment was all in favor of Patterson against Ellis. Floyd is married to a Swedish woman. He apparently plans to make Sweden his home. The Swedes had this in mind all the way.

But, as the referee, I could not judge the fight on sentiment.

You will have noted that Ellis built himself up to his heaviest yet, 198 pounds. Patterson hit the beam at 188, just about the weight of his heyday.

There was no knockdown in the fight. No knockdown. In the 14th round both landed and fell into a clinch. They fell over each other. I signaled that it was not a knockdown.

Patterson had landed a right counter and Jim pulled Floyd over him. I helped them up and wiped Ellis' gloves.

In Round Fifteen, Patterson did not rush out and fight. Ellis struck him on the temple and Patterson appeared to be out.

Ellis might have stopped Floyd at this point but he held his man up.

I noted a physical oddity about Patterson. It isn't a vulnerable jaw but inability to take a blow on the temple.

Now, about Ellis' busted nose and his cut eye. They are cited by the TV viewers as evidence that Patterson did the greater damage and won the fight.

It takes only one punch to break your opponent's nose. It takes only one punch to cut his eye. Patterson could have done it all with just two blows. Two punches will not win unless the second is a KO. The nose buster was a flying jab.

The 25,000 fans were all for Patterson. If he swung and missed, they hollered. If he landed, they went nuts.

I made the decision, and only I. There were no judges. Some critics have raised questions about letting one man make the decision.

Are we to infer that judges never have made bad decisions?

The referee is in the best spot to judge a fight. His vision is never blocked. He sees everything.

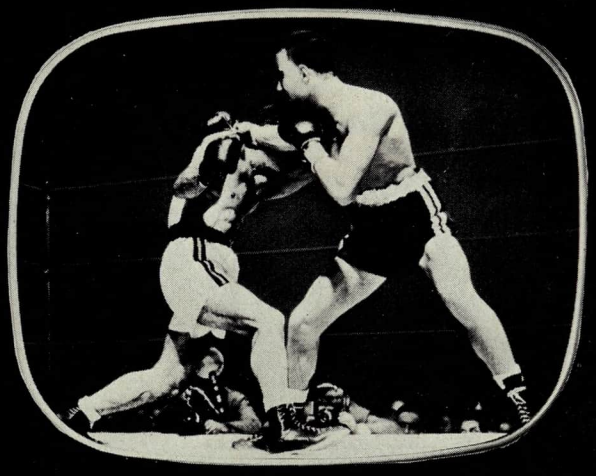
Incidentally, that was a very small ring in a large arena in Stockholm. Patterson had fought in it before.

I thought Ellis tried too hard to imitate Cassius Clay, whose sparring partner he used to be.

Patterson hurt Ellis in only one round.

Having seen both Ellis and Joe Frazier, I am asked to draw a comparison. Nothing doing, please. I now go back to my place as referee, and have to beg off.

TV OR NOT TV



By NAT LOUBET

NOT since Cassius Clay belted out Sonny Liston at Lewiston, Maine, in one punch, which many who watch on television thought was an invisible blow, has controversy raged at the level caused by the announceme that Jim Ellis had defeated Floyd Patterson in their bout held in Sweden.

Those who took the bother to watch slow motion movies of the Cassius caper saw the punch which accomplish the damage. In the case of the Patterson-Ellis fight there is no one punch to watch, and the decision is open to opinic

In any fight seen on television there is the risk of visual deception. Not intentional, and often in no way infl encing, but there are fights in which the video scanner is in no position to make a valid, clear-headed and unbias decision.

Cuts, abrasions and lumps are rarely seen in true perspective through the TV lens. How can one determine t depth of a blow or hardness of a punch? How can one measure the difference between blows thrown by two m unless there is a great variance in their effectiveness, and one man staggers or is knocked to the canvas?

The angles of the cameras can distort the truth of happenings in the ring. When a fighter has his back to t camera his punching and effectiveness are open to speculation. The man facing the camera is partially covered a a movement, or slipping of a punch, may look as if he is being belted. One's eyes can play tricks. You often s what isn't there.

Contests in which the fighting is done mostly at close range, especially where the scoring is close, are most diffic to monitor and judge properly. Whether a blow is blocked by an opponent's glove or his elbow, whether the blo land cleanly, is often seen, or not seen, depending upon the camera's angle at the instant of impact. The two-fist bangers who whale away at close quarters are hell to score unless a contest becomes one-sided.

On the other hand, boxers who like to work from the outside are much easier to score since their attack consi mainly of hooks, jabs, straight right hands, looping rights or combinations of blows while both fighters are standi clear of each other and each punch can more easily be followed.

All the punches are in view of the camera lenses for a longer period and therefore the video watcher has more tir to make his decision as to the merits of the various defensive and aggressive tactics of the fighters.

One man who has a lot to do with what the home watcher sees is the gentleman in charge of the camera crew The man who makes decisions as to which camera will follow the action at a given moment . . . will he move y in for a close-up? Will he miss a moment of extreme importance in deciding which camera he will use, and so cau the viewer to miss items of importance?

This man is a pro, as are his camera crews. But they are working with mechanical equipment and are after a human. Mistakes can be and are made, which influence the outcome in the viewers' mind. Despite publicity to t contrary, the video fan is not always in the middle of the action although he does follow the camera into the rin There is no substitute for being present at ringside and seeing a fight through your own eyes.

In watching a fight on television there are many distractions such as conversation among the viewers while contest is in progress, or the commentator, who can mislead the viewer.

In the Patterson-Ellis fight, between the commentator giving his impressions as well as telling the watcher wh to look for, and the partisan crowd screaming every time Patterson moved his hands, it was well nigh impossib not to be influenced as to what one was witnessing.

This does not infer bias on the part of the commentator but all of us watching on television were seeing certa elements of the fight through someone else's eyes and were influenced by the commentary.

It is also obvious that watching a contest in person at the ringside takes away much of this distracting and oft misleading stimuli, and makes it possible for a more impartial judgment.

The writer judged Patterson to be the winner but upon reflection must admit that all the distractions and oth influences, such as the commentator, in a fight that was such a close one, could have had a bearing on his scorin

In judging a fight on television one must look for:

1. Effective punching, such as staggering an opponent.

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Chuvalo is shown battering Manuel Ramos in the fifth-round finale of their fight in New York's Garden. The Mexican proved a complete disappointment to those who still had faith in him after his KO by Joe Frazier.

Chuvalo, Patterson Revive Involvement With Top Ten

By DAN DANIEL

WHAT with Floyd Patterson giving Jimmy Ellis a vigorous fight, Ellis turning out to be no world beater, despite the championship label pasted on him by the WBA, George Chuvalo knocking out Manuel Ramos in five rounds, and Buster Mathis taking six rounds to wake up against James J. Woody, whom he outweighed by 20 pounds, the heavyweight ratings got quite a scrambling through recent action.

On top of all this we find the Supreme Court of the United States functioning again after the Summer recess and Cassius Clay approaching the August Nine for deliverance from a Federal Court charge of felony.

The State of Ohio, disregarding the worldwide decision that Clay must clear himself before being permitted to resume his boxing career as the world heavyweight champion, has announced its willingness to let Cassius appear within its jurisdiction, at the Columbus Fair Grounds some time in November.

We are told that Clay will appear in a 15-round "exhibition." There is no such thing in boxing. If the fight is scheduled to last 45 minutes, Clay's title will have to be at stake.

The whole thing smells of political mumbo jumbo and is no credit to the sovereign state of Ohio. Chances of fruition appear small.

In any event, the "exhibition" is scheduled for an undesignated date in November. By that time Ohio may be taken off the hook by the Supreme Court, which may confirm the Federal Court penalty of five years in a penitentiary and a fine of $10,00 absolve Clay of the felony charge, or refuse to review a ca involving a draft registrant's downright failure to join the army.

The Ring Magazine has supported Clay from a legal and bo ing basis and insisted that he still is the champion of the worl no matter what the WBA and the New York Commissio may say.

But The Ring Magazine cannot give three cheers for Ohio the current situation re Clay.

While all the action was going on around him, Joe Frazie whom The Ring rates No. 1 among the contenders for the wor title, sat by and watched the brawling.

There is talk of the Olympian's appearing in New York Garden against "some worthy opponent." Just what the wor in quotes mean it is difficult to say.

There is only one match of any consequence before Frazi and Ellis, and it has to do with their confrontation for the rig to challenge Clay if he gets the green light from the Supren Court, or settle the title dispute if Cassius has to go to jail.

On the basis of Ellis' showing against Patterson at Stockholm he must accept the No. 2 contender spot.

Neither Ellis nor Frazier is a polished product. Neither ma is minus serious flaws in his fistic makeup. But they are Nos. and 2, and they have got to meet, with all of their shortcomin and all of their merits.

Among the nearly 1000 letters from Ring readers which ured into the magazine's offices after the Ellis-Patterson fight as a communication from a famous psychologist based in Waco, exas.

The doctor presented a slant on the storm of protest in favor Patterson which deserves close analysis. He wrote, "I am not ing to attempt to tell you people your business. My interest in xing started when I was an amateur, and not a champion, ther, in Boston.

"I watched the television reproduction of the fight in Sweden d felt that Ellis had displayed the greater eagerness and pro-ced the greater, if still limited, quota of action.

"Why the storm of protest, with scarcely a backer for Ellis?

"It can be traced to popular disrespect for Ellis as a champion, d popular disappointment over his failure to stop the so often pped Patterson.

"Ellis became the victim and subject of a white and black cklash. He has got to fight Frazier to restore his championship age. Or go down in the attempt."

There is something in what the doctor writes. But, while we all onder the case, Ellis is in danger of being bypassed as if the fficial decision had gone to Patterson.

The promoter seeking the use of Ellis has to consider if he is to proceed along the lines dictated by referee Harold Valan's erdict favoring Jimmy, or to follow the generality of TV viewers who insisted on believing the picture and disbelieving Valan.

So much for Ellis, Frazier and Patterson. Now, let us take a look at what happened in the "all star" show put on by New York's Garden.

First, Chuvalo. He came out of the ruck with flying colors by battering Mexican Indian Manuel Pulgarcito Ramos to a pulp.

Ramos, who had been stopped by Frazier in four heats, lost much of the prestige he had gained, even in defeat, against Joe.

The Mexican knows little about the technique of fighting. He hit Chuvalo as hard as he could and failed to send George to the deck. He showed a deadly fondness for the ropes, where he was battered without mercy.

Manuel cannot box, he cannot hit with power, he is a badly turned out specimen of a 206-pound battler insofar as major consideration is concerned.

Manuel would do well to go back to Mexico and refurbish his reputation.

Chuvalo did not come out of the fight without punishment. As always, the Canadian was wide open. His face got smeary. He took a few wallops which would have done for many another heavyweight. But he never flinched, he never retreated, and he kept punching.

Let it be recollected that not until the fifth round did Chuvalo deck Ramos. Then George tore after the Piute and battered him helpless against the ropes.

Some thought that Ramos had retired. Such was not the case. He was knocked out standing up.

Now, for Buster Mathis, who weighed a svelte, incredible 223 pounds, as against James J. Woody's 203½.

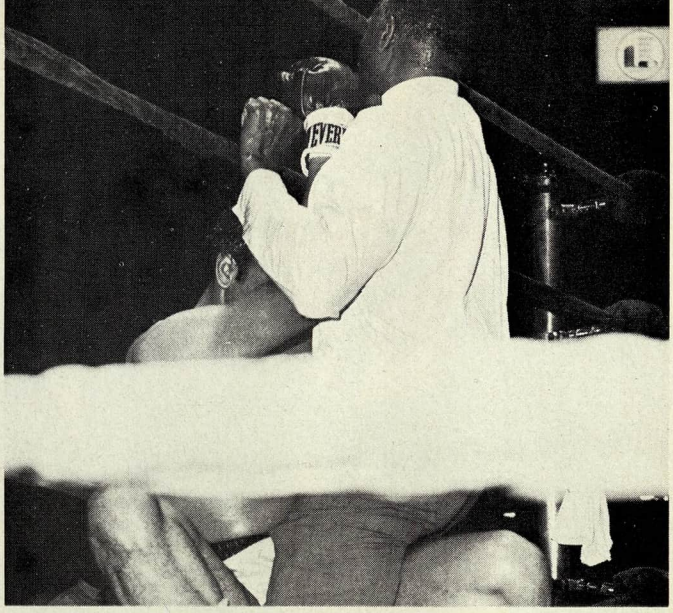
Mathis. who had been stopped in that same ring by Frazier in 11 rounds, slipped farther back in prowess, prestige, and acclaim as a dangerous heavy.

Mathis did stop Woody, who was staggered, then decked for nine, and quickly dismissed for the night by referee Tony Perez.

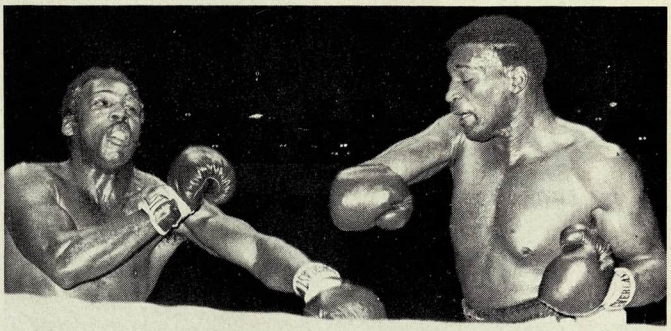
Mathis did not impress as a hitter against Frazier. Buster impressed even less as a power puncher against Woody, who, it will be recollected, was stopped in two rounds by Ramos in Mexico.

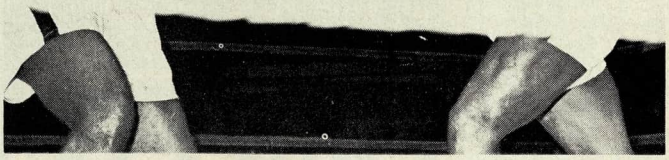
It has been suggested that Mathis now fight Chuvalo. Off what Buster showed against Woody, it is possible that he needs more experience against hitting heavies. To keep fighting third raters could get a man into bad habits.

Th Garden undercard had considerable interest. There was, for one, the disappointing showing of Forest Ward, former amateur star, 192, against *(Continued on page 42)*

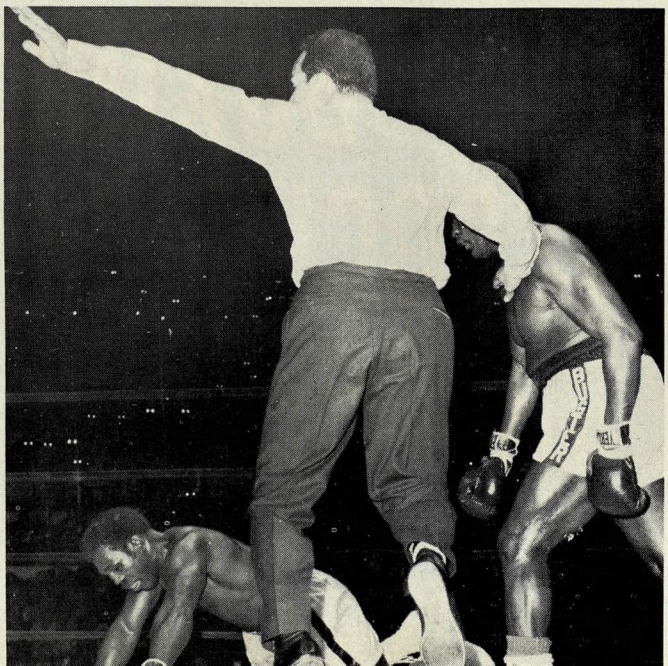


Referee Zack Clayton is helping Ramos to get back to his feet after annihilation by Chuvalo. The Mexican Piute folded like an ancient opera hat.





At top, Buster Mathis, right, just has jarred James J. Woody with a right to the jaw in the second round. Mathis ended the brawl in the sixth heat. Below, referee Tony Perez is about to count as James J. hits the deck.



Group of well-wishers surround Emile Bruneau, chairman of the Louisiana Athletic Commission (seated, center), upon his election as president of th WBA. Back row, left to right, are Lou Messina, WBA Commissioner Abe J. Greene, James Stevenson and George A. Barton. Flanking Bruneau a Doug Lord, left, and Juan Carlos Lectoure.

IS WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION CRUMBLING?

By JOHN ORT

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Two conventions, running concu rently but hardly of similar importance, produced lik results. The Democratic congress in Chicago saw th party riddled with dissension. And the annual convention of th World Boxing Association in this city hardly produced harmo nious results for boxing in general, and that organization i particular.

Unless the WBA shows greater concern about its Oriental Box ing Federation members, they will resign and form their ow version of a directional body, minus the apparent aversions t Asiatic policies which the OBF charges the WBA with showing

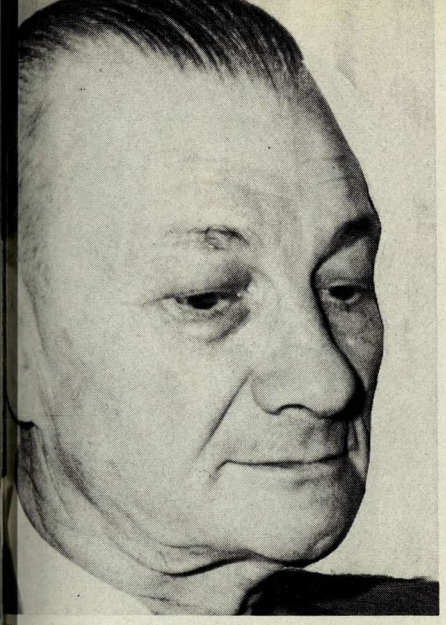
As it was, the Philippine membership of the Oriental body under the presidency of Justiniano Montano, Jr., bolted fro the WBA. Montano predicted that the other members of th Oriental Federation would follow suit.

Formation of a new organization to be known as the Worl Boxing Federation, with eight big divisions, was proposed. Bu nothing came of this move. Nothing had been expected.

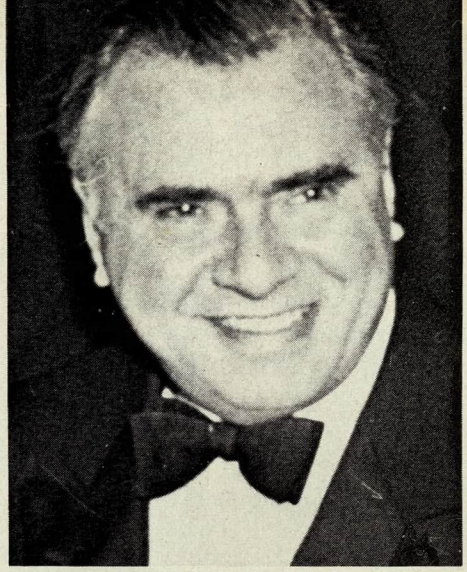
The Oriental Federation protest, framed by Montano, its presi dent, was a sharp rebuke to the WBA but it appeared to fal mostly on deaf ears. However, big trouble is brewing.

Montano addressed his protest to the WBA convention i these significant and important phrases, uttering charges whic the WBA elected to bypass:

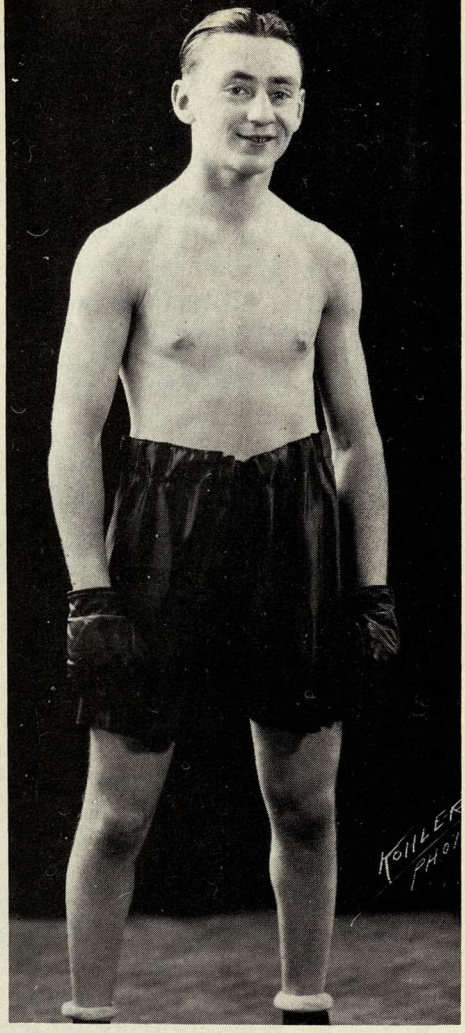
"The Oriental Boxing Federation lodges this protest, as agreed upon by the OBF member countries: Japan, Republic of Korea



Here is a study of new WBA prexy Bruneau. He succeeds Bob Evans of Louisville.



Abe J. Greene, of Paterson, N.J., who was re-elected Commissioner of the WBA at the Pittsburgh convention.



Joey Sangor, a prominent ex-boxer from Milwaukee, was named a vice president.

Thailand and the Philippines, during the 13th OBF Convention held in Bangkok, Thailand, June 14-16, with the World Boxing Association in its annual convention here in Pittsburgh, with the end in view of achieving for world boxing a rapport and unity without which our chosen sport cannot further prosper, in turn retrogress to a point where anarchy will prevail. The Oriental Boxing Federation protests against:

"I. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NON-AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

"The OBF strongly protests against the uncalled-for treatment given OBF and other non-American delegates during the last WBA convention, whereat they were relegated to secondary status, contrary to the spirit and intent of the WBA Constitution and By-Laws of giving equal voice and participation to each and all countries and/or states membered by the WBA. There is no reason why Asiatic or other non-American members of the WBA should not be on equal footing with any and all American members of the WBA, since we are in a WORLD organization and not in one such as the defunct, and unlamented, National Boxing Association of America.

"II. TRAVEL OF WBA OFFICIALS TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHTS AT PROMOTERS' EXPENSE

"The OBF urges an end to the unsavory practice of WBA officials attending world championship fights at promoters' expense, sometimes under the guise of being named as officials of the title fight, since such practices tend not only to cheapen the WBA in the eyes of promoters concerned as well as those who get to know of the "favor" done by WBA officials, but also leave open to such charges as aired by some commissions not membered by the WBA that the latter extends "favors and/or privileges" in return for such trips by its officials, a circumstance definitely not conducive to equitable, fair and impartial supervision of the sport by the WBA.

"III. LACK OF UNIFORMITY IN INTERPRETATION OF WBA RULES AND REGULATIONS, ESPECIALLY ON THOSE REGARDING TITLE DEFENSES

"The OBF insists that there be no "exemptions" in the application of WBA rules and regulations, to assure and ensure equality for all. At present there are two or more "recognized" world champions in several divisions to particularize, in the flyweight, the featherweight, and the heavyweight divisions, due principally to the lack of uniform interpretation and uncompromising application of rules, specially those regarding title defenses.

"The WBA thus can stand accused of favoritism; of being lax and accommodating with certain champions, strict to the letter with others. In one unblushing instance, the WBA *forgot* it no longer stood merely as a national organization, but as an international body, and, in an outburst of "patriotism," penalized and caused to be ostracized World Heavyweight Champion Cassius Clay for the American Negro's refusal to be drafted into the US Armed Forces.

"Certainly the criteria for a boxer to remain in good standing with the WBA must be based on his skill and deportment as a professional boxer UNDER WBA rules and regulations, regardless of race, creed or ideology, nationality and/or belief.

"IV. LIMITED COMPOSITION OF WBA RATINGS COMMITTEE

"The OBF deplores the limited composition of the WBA ratings committee, which does not include most of the member nations of the WBA. In order that worthy boxers of all member commissions of the WBA are accorded due consideration for inclusion in the ratings, the OBF strongly recommends that the WBA ratings committee be so composed as to include ALL member nations, all of whom shall be given tentative ratings by the Chairman of the WBA ratings committee for comment, this to preclude the possibility of worthy boxers being overlooked simply for lack of information. Such a void has ofttimes led to unfair ratings, in particular to Asian boxers, simply because the ratings committee did not have complete and reliable information regarding the performances of boxers in the Orient.

"The OBF further recommends that WBA ratings include explanations and/or justifications for boxers promotion or demotion, and that these promotions and/or demotions be based solely on the boxer's capability, performance, and *behavior as a boxer*. Thus the WBA can avoid embarrassing repercussions such as was caused by the Joe Frazier case (Frazier for refusing to participate in the WBA eliminations to determine a successor to the vacated

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Gavilan, Poor And Ill, Takes Refuge In N.Y.

KID Gavilan, the Hawk, world welterweight champion in the 1950s, is back in New York, back in the United States, for the first time in 10 years.

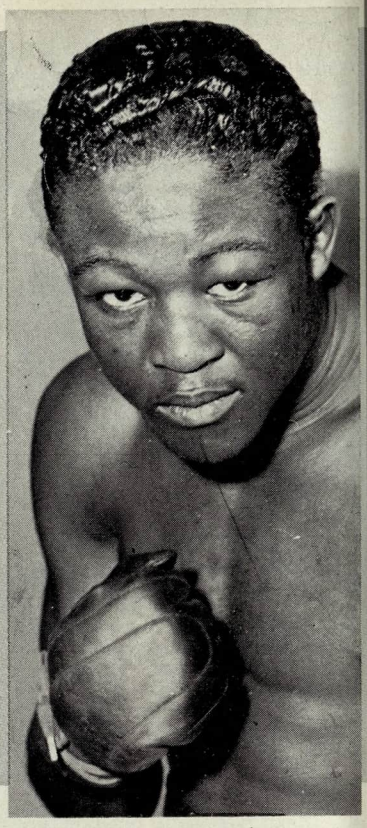
The Hawk flew in from Cuba recently, penniless, ill, abandoned by Cuba, which in his title days was so wild about his ring achievements and his bolo punch.

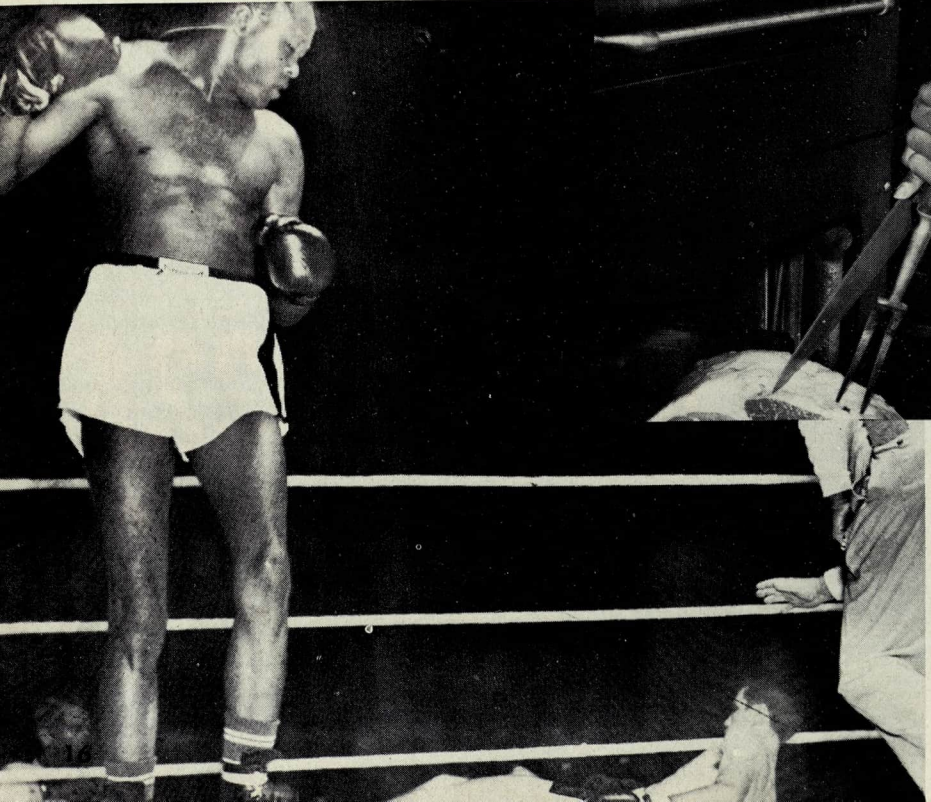
At age 42, weight 172 pounds, Gavilan, who used to make $200,000 a year, is looking for work. Friends in the ranks of Jehovah's Witnesses, for whom he is a preacher, and the International Rescue Committee have promised to see that he is taken care of.

Gavilan was robbed of a $12,000 piece of land in Camaguey, and his 39-acre farm, valued at $60,000, by Castro because, old and sick and no longer able to do hard work, the Communistic regime saw him only as a drag on Cuba's economy.

So here is Gavilan in Dempsey's restaurant on Broadway, suffering from sciatica and a cataract in his right eye, which has been sightless for three years.

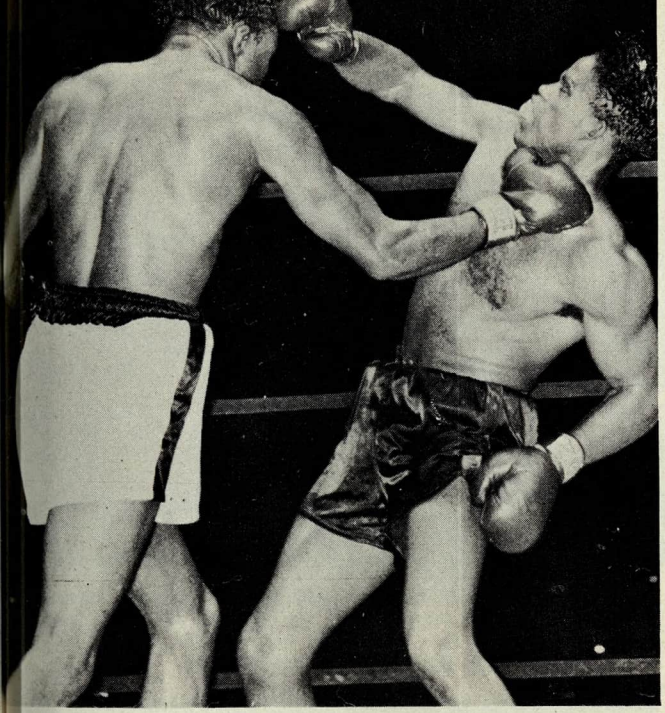
The Hawk had to leave his mother, his third wife, two half sisters and the rest of his family in Cuba. But he has friends galore here and never will be in want.

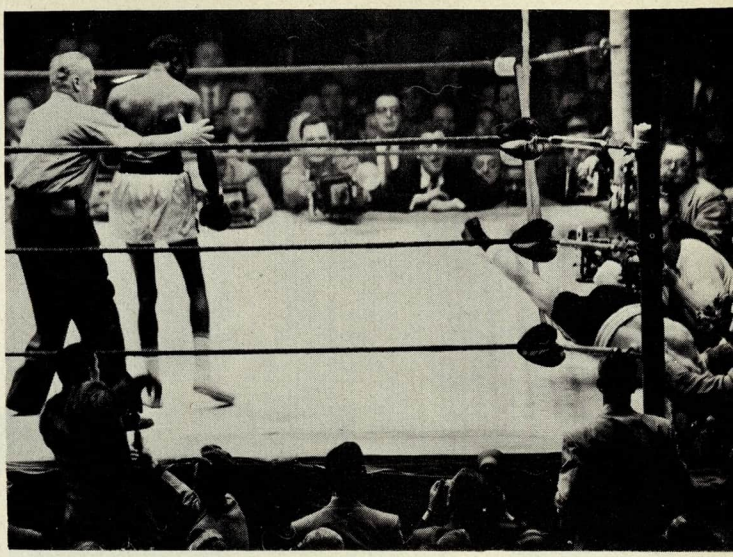




Top, Kid Gavilan, as he looked in 1952, when he w the world welterweight championship. He lost it on questionable decision to Johnny Saxton in 1954. Und neath, we find the Hawk dissecting a steak. This is a recent picture of Gavilan enjoying the Castro laugh-

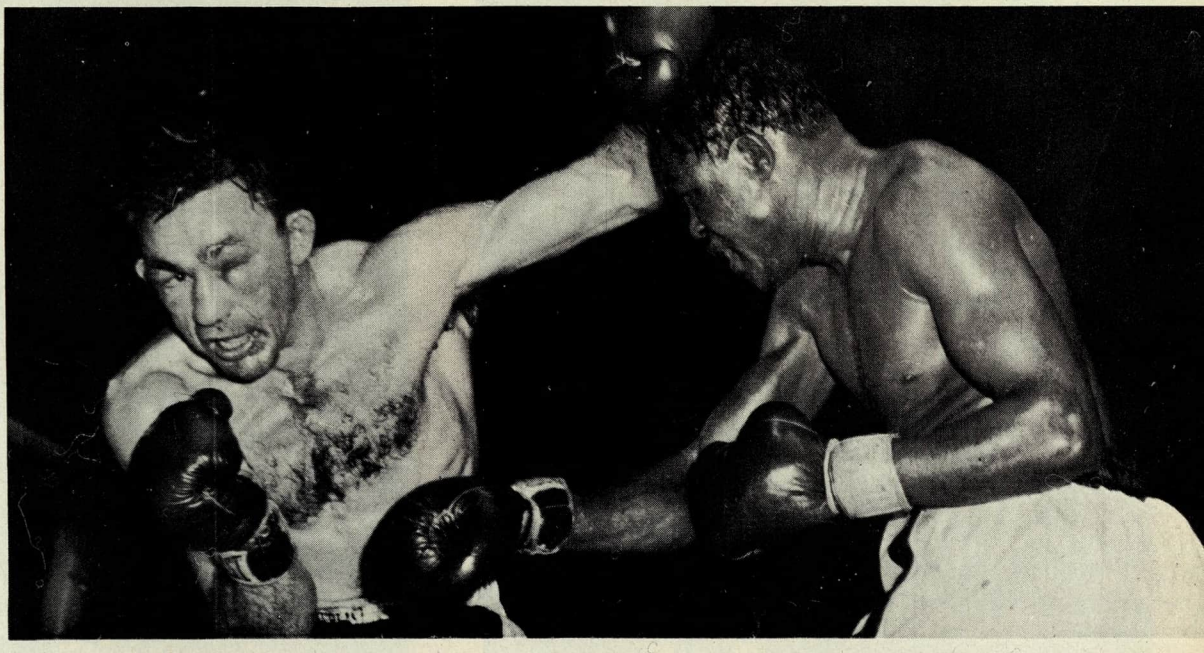
Here we have Gavilan beating Bobby Dykes to clin the welter title at Miami on February 4, 1952. Dykes down in second round. He rallied but lost split decisio



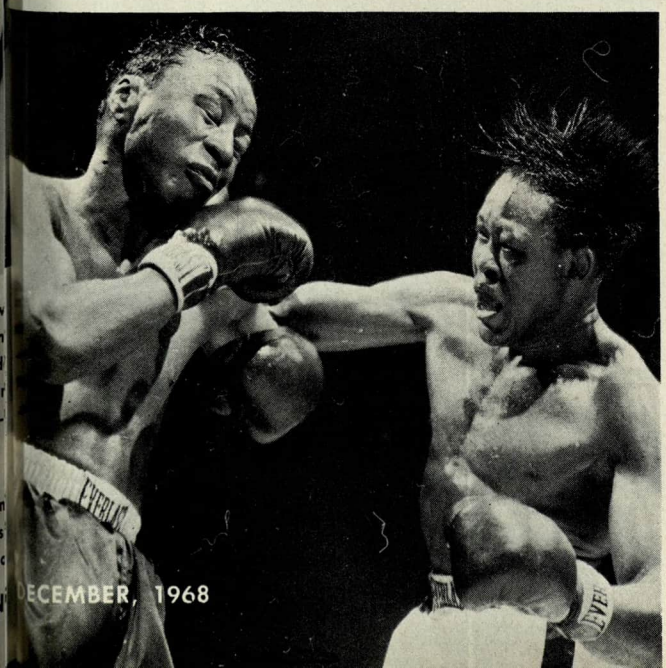


To the left, a high spot in Gavilan's career. He is shown stopping Gil Turner in Philadelphia on July 7, 1952, in the 11th round. Above, the Hawk is shown nearing a KO victory, in 10 rounds, over Chuck Davey on February 11, 1953. The camera shot was taken in the ninth, when Davey was knocked out of the ring.

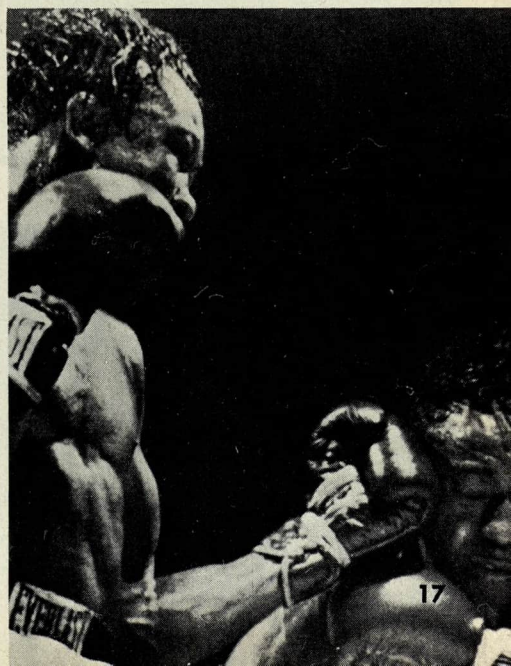
To the right, Gavilan is retaining his title by split decision in Syracuse, against Carmen Basilio, whose left eye sees nothing. Photo was snapped in the 14th round, which was torrid for Basilio.



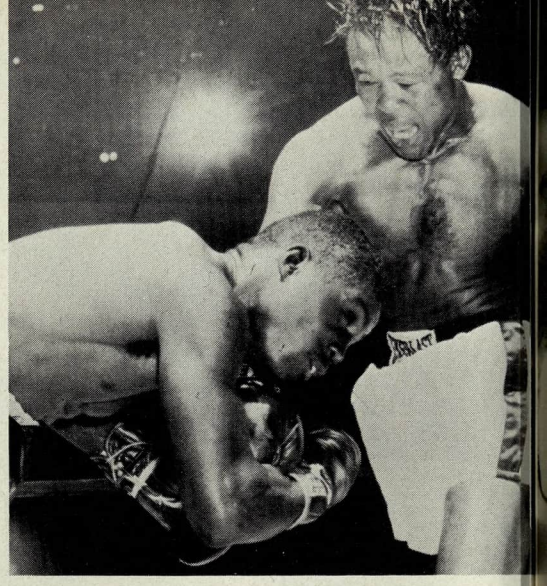
The picture below shows the Hawk scoring a unanimous decision over Johnny Bratton in a 15-round title battle in Chicago, on November 13, 1953. Bratton, left, looks tired of taking it.



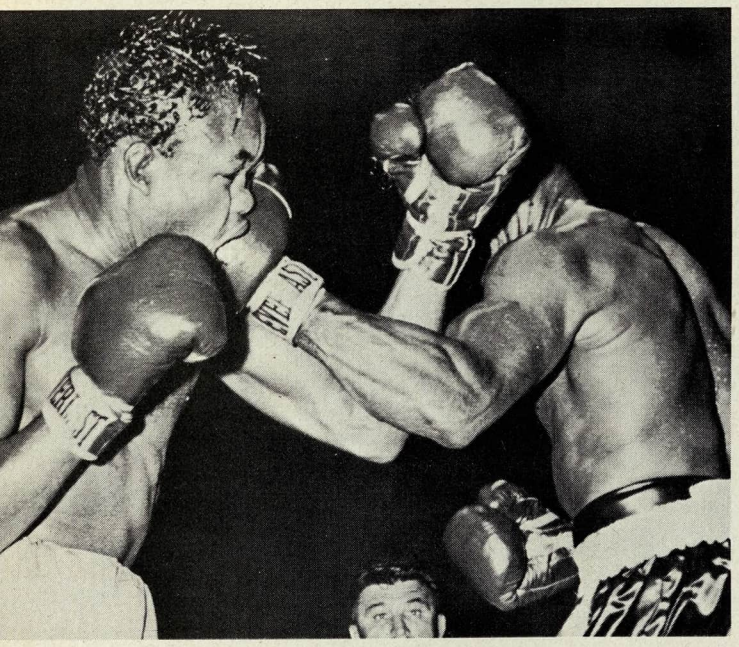
On the right we see Bratton on the verge of a knockout in the 10th round of his losing adventure against the Cuban. Johnny appears to have been frozen by a stinging, hard left to the head.



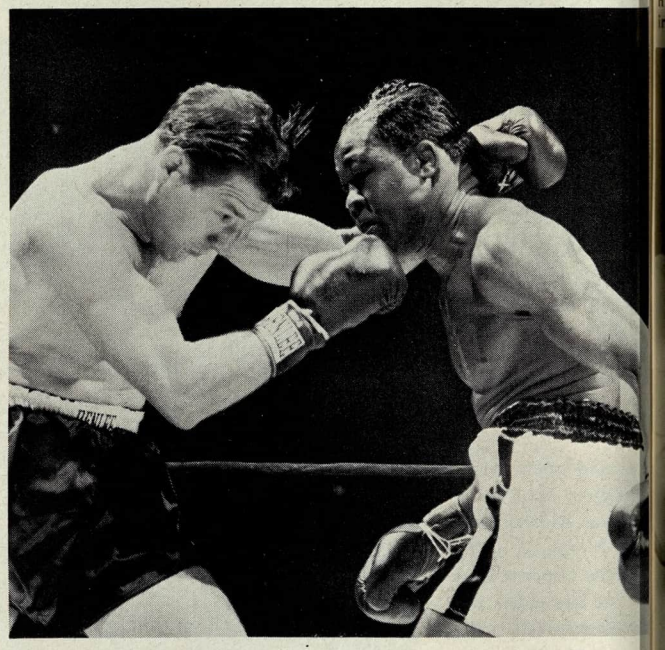
Gavilan is shown in his middleweight effort against Olson. The Cuban is winding up for a right which shook Bobo from big toe to the top of his noggin. But the Hawk lost the fight.



Gavilan in his losing effort against Johnny Saxton. "... one big regret is that, having been called the loser o... fight I won, Saxton did not meet me again," the Ha... says 14 years later. Too late now, Kid.



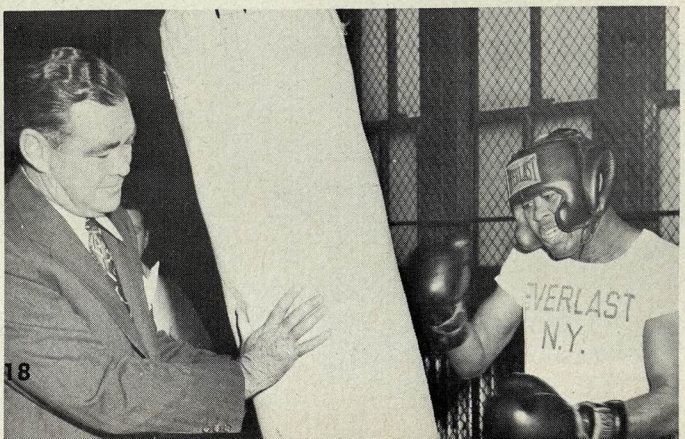
The Kid's last fight. June 18, 1958, at Miami Beach. He was beaten by Yama Bahama, in 10. The decision was unanimous. The following September Kid Gavilan announced his retirement from the ring.



Above, Billy Graham appears to be doing okay against champion K... Gavilan on October 5, 1952. However, when all the marbles we... counted, Billy had fewer than the Hawk, who kept his title.

A shot made purely for publicity purposes. Gavilan, who is about to try for Bobo Olson's middleweight title, in 1954, is being assisted in his training by Jim Norris, New York and Chicago promoter.

Below, Kid Gavilan as he looked after his escape from Castro recentl... He is shown on arrival at the Miami airport, squaring off against ... inoffensive security officer at the field.



Three men in their heyday. Left to right—and this is at Buenos Aires—Gavilan, Juan Peron, the Argentine dictator, and H. Balido, who at the time managed the Hawk. Apparently the Hawk did not over-exert himself down below. He beat Cirino Gil and lost to Eduardo Lausse, in Buenos Aires.

Above, Gavilan, no longer a champion, nevertheless sticks to his "lucky 13" talisman. He is in London, February 7, 1956, ready to fight Peter Waterman, who beat him in 10. Below, the scene is Chicago. The man strumming the uke is Bobo Olson fresh in from Hawaii. They soon will meet and Bobo will win.

The above picture shows Gavilan receiving the Notre Dame K of C trophy from Ed Neil, Jr., a student at the university, who is the son of the onetime Associated Press reporter who died in the Spanish revolution. The shot below shows the Hawk and Cuban dancer Elba Montalvo rehearsing for a television appearance.

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHER — RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCT. 20, 1968

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CASSIUS CLAY, Houston, Texas
1—**JOE FRAZIER**, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**JIMMY ELLIS**, Louisville, Ky.
3—**OSCAR BONAVENA**, Argentina
4—**JERRY QUARRY**, Los Angeles, Cal.
5—**GEORGE CHUVALO**, Canada
6—**SONNY LISTON**, Las Vegas, Nev.
7—**ALVIN LEWIS**, Detroit, Mich.
8—**MANUEL RAMOS**, Mexico
9—**LEOTIS MARTIN**, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—**FLOYD PATTERSON**, New York, N.Y.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Washington, D.C.
1—**DICK TIGER**, Biafra
2—**GREGORIO PERALTA**, Argentina
3—**MARK TESSMAN**, Houston, Texas
4—**YVAN PREBEG**, Austria
5—**ANDY KENDALL**, Portland, Ore.
6—**JOSE TORRES**, Puerto Rico
7—**BOB DUNLOP**, Australia
8—**HAROLD JOHNSON**, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—**JOHNNY PERSOL**, New York, N.Y.
10—**EDDIE JONES**, Los Angeles, Calif.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
NINO BENVENUTI, Italy
1—**EMILE GRIFFITH**, New York, N.Y.
2—**SANDRO MAZZINGHI**, Italy
3—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ**, Miami Beach, Fla.
4—**DON FULLMER**, West Jordan, Utah
5—**JUAN CARLOS DURAN**, Italy
6—**TOM BOGS**, Denmark
7—**KI SOO KIM**, Korea
8—**GYPSY JOE HARRIS**, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—**CARLOS MONZON**, Argentina
10—**DENNY MOYER**, Portland, Ore.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CURTIS COKES, Dallas, Texas
1—**JOSE NAPOLES**, Mexico
2—**PERCY PUGH**, New Orleans, La.
3—**RAUL SORIANO**, Mexico
4—**ERNIE LOPEZ**, Las Vegas, Nev.
5—**MANUEL GONZALEZ**, Odessa, Texas
6—**STAN HAYWARD**, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**CARMELO BOSSI**, Italy
8—**MUSASHI NAKANO**, Japan
9—**PETE TORO**, Puerto Rico
10—**FIGHTING MACK**, Holland

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
PAUL FUJII, Honolulu, Hawaii
1—**BRUNO ARCARI**, Italy
2—**NICOLINO LOCHE**, Argentina
3—**WILLI QUATUOR**, Germany
4—**ADOLPH PRUITT**, St. Louis, Mo.
5—**JUAN SOMBRITA**, Spain
6—**RODRIGO VALDEZ**, Colombia
7—**MARCEL CERDAN**, France
8—**JOAO HENRIQUE**, Brazil
9—**JOHANN ORSOLICS**, Austria
10—**GERMAN GASTELBONDO**, Colombia

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS (TEO) CRUZ, Dominican Rep.
1—**ISMAEL LAGUNA**, Panama
2—**PEDRO CARRASCO**, Spain
3—**CARLOS ORTIZ**, New York, N.Y.
4—**MANDO RAMOS**, Los Angeles, Cal.
5—**KEN BUCHANAN**, Scotland
6—**FRANKIE NARVAEZ**, Puerto Rico
7—**LLOYD MARSHALL**, Newark, N.J.
8—**RENE ROQUE**, France
9—**JAGUAR KAKIZAWA**, Japan
10—**PEDRO ADIGUE**, Philippines

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
HIROSHI KOBAYASHI, Japan
1—**RUBEN NAVARRO**, Los Angeles, Cal.
2—**RENE BARRIENTOS**, Philippines
3—**YOSHIAKI NUMATA**, Japan
4—**DON JOHNSON**, Los Angeles, Cal.
5—**CARLOS CAÑETE**, Argentina
6—**JAIME VALLADARES**, Ecuador
7—**ANTONIO AMAYA**, Panama
8—**ARTURO LOMELI**, Mexico
9—**PETE GONZALEZ**, San Jose, Cal.
10—**MARIO DIAZ**, Mexico

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—**JOSE LEGRA**, Spain
2—**JOHNNY FAMECHON**, Australia
3—**FIGHTING HARADA**, Japan
4—**SHOZO SAIJYO**, Japan
5—**HOWARD WINSTONE**, Wales
6—**BOBBY VALDEZ**, San Diego, Calif.
7—**RAUL ROJAS**, San Pedro, Calif.
8—**ROY DeFILIPPAS**, San Diego, Cal.
9—**DWIGHT HAWKINS**, Los Angeles, Cal.
10—**JOSE JIMENEZ** Mexico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
LIONEL ROSE, Australia
1—**RUBEN OLIVARES**, Mexico
2—**CHUCHO CASTILLO**, Mexico
3—**KAZUYOSHI KANAZAWA**, Japan
4—**TAKAO SAKURAI**, Japan
5—**SALVATORE BURRUNI**, Italy
6—**JESUS PIMENTEL**, Los Angeles, Cal.
7—**ALAN RUDKIN**, England
8—**DOMI MANALANG**, Philippines
9—**EIGO TAKAGI**, Japan
10—**FRANCO ZURLO**, Italy

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CHARTCHAI CHIONOI, Thailand
1—**EFREN TORRES**, Mexico
2—**BERNABE VILLACAMPO**, Philippines
3—**HIROYUKI EBIHARA**, Japan
4—**RATON MOJICA**, Nicaragua
5—**FERNANDO ATZORI**, Italy
6—**JOSE SEVERINO**, Brazil
7—**FERMIN GOMEZ**, Mexico
8—**YOSHIAKI MATSUMOTO**, Japan
9—**OCTAVIO GOMEZ**, Mexico
10—**JOHN McCLUSKEY**, Scotland

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Names	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Charlie Singleton Milwaukee, Wisc.	9/67	7	7	0	0	6
LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT						
Art Alderete Phoenix, Ariz.	7/68	4	4	0	0	3
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Pat O'Connor Rochester, Minn.	5/68	5	5	0	0	5
WELTERWEIGHT						
Vernon Mason Baltimore, Md.	10/67	9	6	2	1	2
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Nestor Jimenez Venezuela	10/67	12	12	0	0	4
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Ah Hong Aipa Hawaii	5/68	3	3	0	0	1
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Ronald Ceniceroz Los Angeles, Cal.	7/68	4	3	1	0	2
FLYWEIGHT						
Susumi Hanagata Japan	10/67	9	9	0	0	4

GEORGE CHUVALO FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

OFF his five-round KO victory over Mexico's Manuel Ramos, who had been stopped in two by Joe Frazier, George Chuvalo achieved the distinction of being the Fighter of the Month in connection with The Ring Magazine's ratings of the boxers of the world.

Chuvalo not only won acclaim for the ring feat of four weeks of action, but returned in triumph to the heavyweight rankings, from which he had been expelled, largely because of his four-round knockout last year by Frazier.

In coming back to the Top Ten, Chuvalo forced Ramos out of the No. 5 niche. Ramos was demoted to No. 8, with Leotis Martin No. 9.

It would appear that Chuvalo's next match will be against Buster Mathis, who stopped James J. Woody in six rounds on the card which was featured by Chuvalo's KO against Ramos.

Not having a rating to protect, and not overly impressing experts with his hitting against Woody, whom he outweighed by 20 pounds, Buster did not lose out insofar as a ranking wa concerned.

The No. 2 spot in the Fighter of the Month race went t Jimmy Ellis, for his 15-round success against a surprisingl determined Floyd Patterson, in Sweden.

The widespread feeling among television viewers of that figh that Patterson actually had won, and that referee Harold Valan of New York, minus judges, had erred in the decision, eliminate Ellis from the running against Chuvalo.

However, The Ring Magazine could not discount the fact tha the verdict had gone to Ellis, and had to be respected.

Getting back to the ratings, even in no higher a spot than 10th was quite a feat for Patterson. He had been dropped because o inactivity. His fight with Ellis stands out as his only outing fo 1968.

With the reshuffling necessitated by the return of Chuvalo an Patterson, Eduardo Corletti and Henry Clark were eliminate from the Big Ten. Here's how the heavies stand now:

World champion: Cassius Clay. Contenders: 1. Joe Frazier, 2. Jimmy Ellis, 3. Oscar Bonavena, 4. Jerry Quarry, 5. George Chuvalo, 6. Sonny Liston, 7. Alvin Lewis, 8. Manuel Ramos, 9. Leotis Martin. 10. Floyd Patterson.

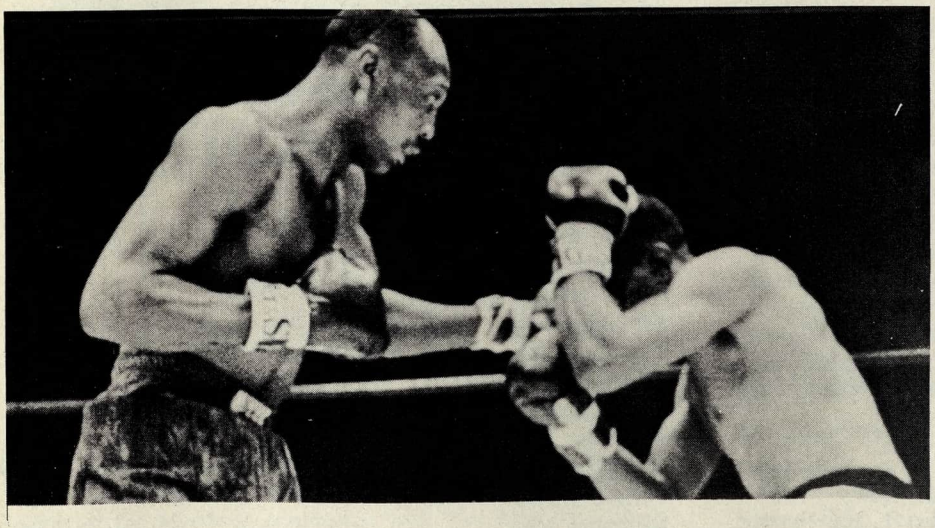
The Clay case, now before the Supreme Court, probably approaches a decision in Washington as the high court resumed hearings on October 7. That it will entertain a plea from Cassius in appealing his felony conviction it not certain. The court does not like to review action by draft boards, as representatives of the President.

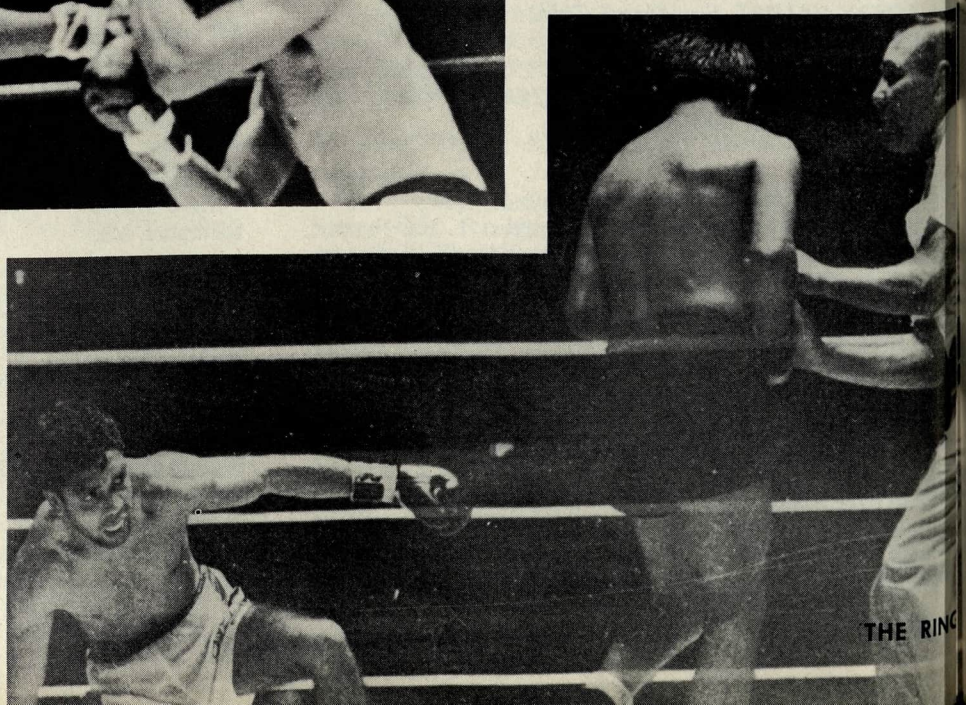
In the light heavyweight class, The Ring ratings were scrambled to take care of the inactivity of Jose Torres and Harold Johnson. The two dropouts, perhaps temporary but at this time damaging to their positions, have been demoted in this reshuffle.

Mexico's Chucho Castillo slips, but catches himself as Scottish boxer Evan Armstrong stands over him during the first round of their contest at the Forum in Inglewood, Calif. Castillo triumphed via a technical knockout in the second round.

Below, light heavyweight king Bob Foster, jabs at Eddie Vick during their non-title engagement at Albuquerque, N.M. Foster scored a technical knockout in the ninth round, but Bob was decked in the first round for a count of six.

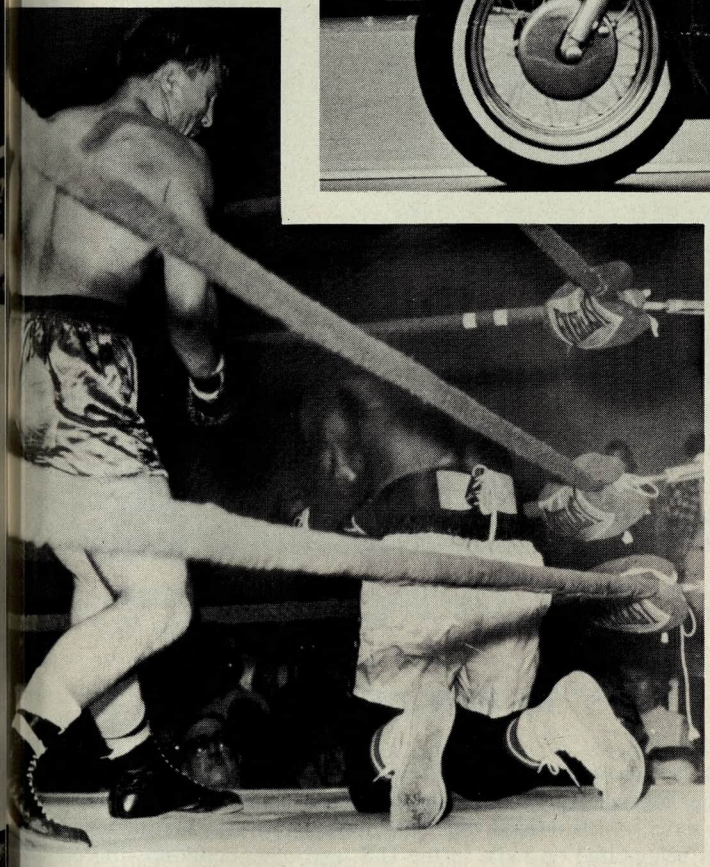
RING CAMERA CLICKS



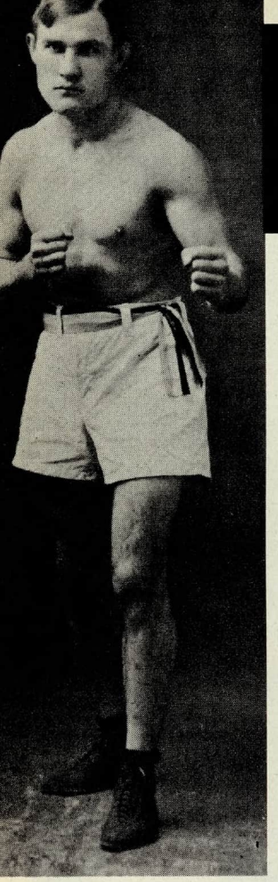


Lionel Rose, bantamweight champion of the world, is down for a count of three in the seventh round of his non-title go with Jose Medel, whom referee George Latka heads toward a neutral corner. Rose went on to gain a split nod in 10 rounds. The two judges voted for Rose while the referee scored it even.

On the right, Joe Frazier gives his children a thrill as he takes them on a motorcycle jaunt in his hometown of Philadelphia. The youngsters (l. to r.) are Weatta, 4, Jacqueline, 6, and Marius, 7. Frazier, on another cycling trip, injured himself somewhat in an accident. Below, George Chuvalo halts Levi Forte in the second round of a Miami Beach contest. The bout was halted immediately after this knockdown at 2:59 of the round.



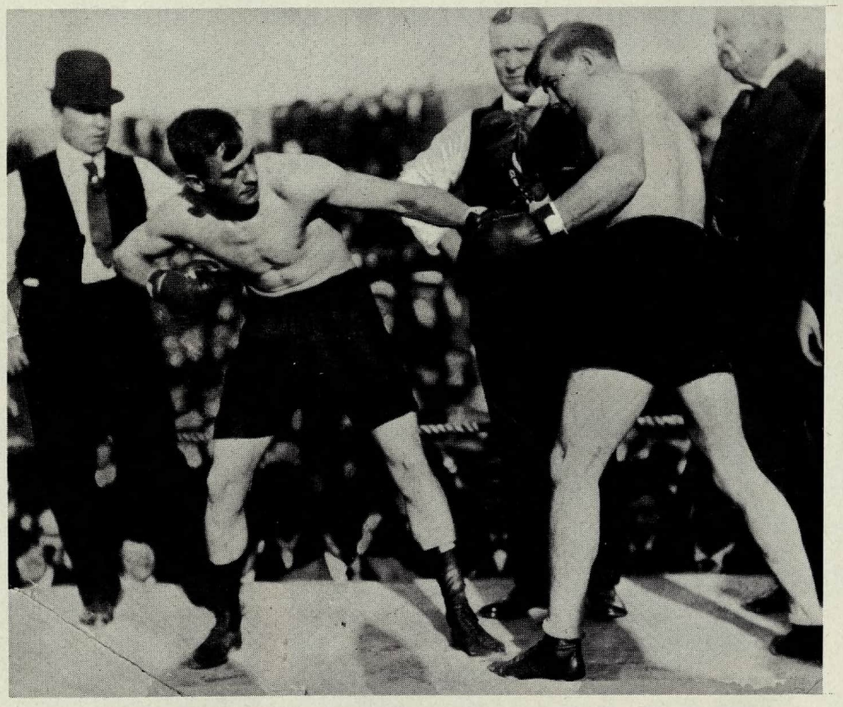
Above, a trio of former world champions — Rocky Graziano, Joe Louis and Sugar Ray Robinson — relax during a break on the set of TV's Kraft Music Hall, in which they appeared. To the left, Don Elbaum, Erie, Pa. promoter and matchmaker permits a playful tug at his long sideburns by Chuck Davey (center), former welterweight contender and now member of the Michigan Athletic Commission, and Harry Markson, boxing director of New York's Madison Square Garden. The horseplay took place during the WBA Convention at Pittsburgh, Pa.



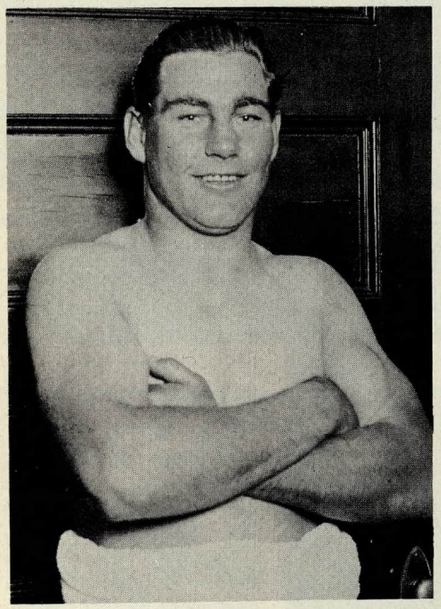
Frank Klaus, ex-middleweight champion of the world, gained universal recognition as titleholder after defeating Billy Papke on a foul in March, 1913, at Paris.

Hey, Mr. Computer

WHY WERE PAPKE, KLAUS, DARCY LEFT OUT?



Here are Stanley Ketchel (left) and Billy Papke squaring off before their meeting in Los Angeles, September 7, 1908. Papke knocked out Ketchel in 12 rounds to gain the 160-pound crown.



Les Darcy, the Australian great, who died of mental fever and a general breakdown in Memphis, Tenn. in 1917. Many maintain, however, that he died of a broken heart after being accused of draft-dodging.

By DAN DANIEL

NOW that the computer fights in the middleweight division, operated by the Woroner organization of Miami, which conducted the highly successful electronic series which insisted that Rocky Marciano was the all-time heavyweight hero, is being aired on radio in the U.S. and other countries, the omission of Billy Papke, Frank Klaus and Les Darcy has become a highly controversial matter.

Murry Woroner, chief of the promoting outfit, has passed the buck to the newspaper and TV and radio experts who picked the field for the computer tournament.

That list is made up of Carmen Basilio, Marcel Cerdan, Nonpareil Jack Dempsey, Tiger Flowers, Bob Fitzsimmons, Gene Fullmer, Emile Griffith, Harry Greb, Rocky Graziano, Stanley Ketchel, Jake LaMotta, Kid McCoy, Ray Robinson, Dick Tiger, Mickey Walker and Tony Zale.

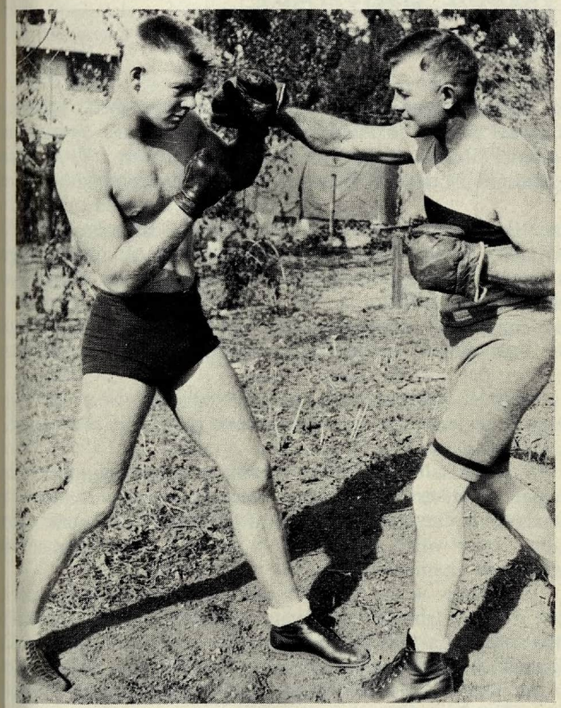
Certainly, and emphatically, Papke, Klaus and Darcy belong in the select company. And how about crafty Tommy Ryan and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien?

Had the composition of the field of 16 been up to the writer he would have included Papke, Klaus and Darcy, and scratched Dempsey, who belongs in the bare knuckle era and not with the glove greats, Fitzsimmons, who had his chance in the heavyweight tournament and fought comparatively few bouts as a middleweight, and Kid McCoy, whom it is extremely difficult to classify.

McCoy fought men in all weight categories past the welter, including heavyweight Jim Corbett. And what a stinko that one was!

Let's take a look at Papke, whose being ignored by the computer, no matter for what reason, is beyond understanding.

Papke was a great middleweight champion. He was so great a fighter that on



Here is Papke, on the right, sparring with son Billy Jr. in this 1930 shot. Billy Sr. committed suicide in 1936.

September 7, 1908, he knocked out Stan Ketchel, at Los Angeles, in a tough battle, in 12 rounds.

When you consider that Ketchel is regarded as the greatest middleweight in ring history, failure to include the man who stopped him, for the world title, is beyond comprehension or explanation.

On November 26, 1908, while the Papke KO was still hot, Billy and Ketchel met again in Los Angeles and that time the Michigan Assassin stopped Papke in 11 rounds.

On July 8, 1909, outdoors, at Colma, Cal., Papke made a valiant, 20-round effort to recover the title from Ketch but Stan got the decision.

There would have been a fourth Papke-Ketchel fight, but on October 15, 1910, the Assassin was assassinated. A farm hand on Ketchel's place at Conway, Mo. shot him. Why? It's a long story, for another day. But the Ketchel-Papke series was finished.

Papke himself died by his own hand in November, 1936. He shot his wife, too, at Newport, Calif.

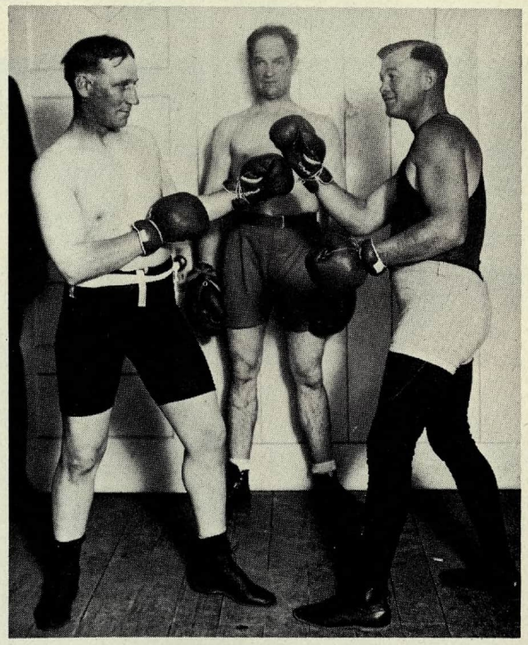
Papke was a two-fisted, rough and tough battler who never cared about rivals' weights. He fought heavyweights innumerable —Hugo Kelly, Jim Flynn, Tony Caponi, Sailor Burke.

Papke's famous 17-round victory on a foul over Georges Carpentier at Paris on October 23, 1912, saw the Orchid Man get the beating of his life.

Leave Papke out of any company of middleweights? It's beyond all belief.

Frank Klaus, a durable scrapper from Pittsburgh, became the

Promoter Tex Rickard greets Darcy on his arrival in the United States from Down Under in 1916. Tragedy, not glory, lay ahead for the Aussie middleweight king.



Tommy Ryan, another great middleweight champion (left), spars with Papke as Kid McKoy, nee Norman Selby, watches action.

middleweight champion of the world on June 24, 1912, when he beat Carpentier at Dieppe, France, on a foul in the 19th round.

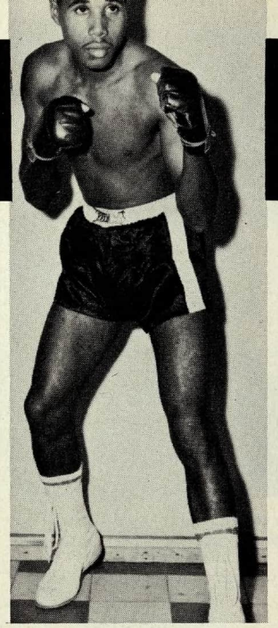
The title was vacant after Ketchel's death and Klaus' superiority over Carp was emphatic.

However, Klaus weighed in three pounds over the middleweight limit and the sticklers refused to regard his victory as conclusive insofar as the world championship was concerned.

However, when on March 5, 1913, at Paris, Frank beat Papke on a foul in the 15th round there was no doubt as to Klaus' success, and his title status.

The book shows that eventually George Chip stopped Klaus for the title, and George was knocked out, wonder of wonders, by Al McCoy in Brooklyn in the first round in April 1914.

McCoy's southpaw triumph *(Continued on page 64)*



ISMAEL LAGUNA

LAGUNA'S AMBITION TO REGAIN CHAMPIONSHIP

By FREDDIE EISENSTADT

(Photos by Tony Marcilla)

COMBINING skill and speed, Ismael Laguna gave the highly ranked N.J. lightweight Lloyd Marshall, undefeated since 1963, a boxing lesson for nine rounds. Then referee Johnny LoBianco halted the uneven affair, awarding the fight to Laguna on a TKO. Round after round, the former champion smeared Marshall's face red, gashing his eyes with spearlike jabs.

The Panamanian exhibited finesse, his speed, footwork, flashy fistwork, defensive agility and brilliant countering. Even the most jaded fight followers enjoyed Ismael's technique. Laguna slipped punches, his rhythmic moves and tireless aggression were thrilling, a ballet dancer giving a demonstration in punishment, deadly, yet beautiful.

Marshall's courageous efforts were clumsy by comparison. He had as much difficulty hitting Laguna as catching flies midair with eyes closed. In the ninth, the contender fairly smothered Lloyd with stinging rights and lefts. Then the referee called a halt.

Thus, with a feared lightweight decisively disposed of, the road was left clear for Ismael Laguna to meet the new 135-pound champion, Teo Cruz, in a title fight.

"A brilliant, exciting boxer," was an expert comment about Laguna. "Masterful ringman," remarked an old-timer. "Reminds me of the great scrappers of the past," was another observation. All of which were accurate estimates of the former world lightweight champion.

Interesting as are Ismael's performances, so is his personality. He is bright and courteous, easy to talk with—discounting the language barrier. When this scribe addressed him in crippled Spanish, the Panamanian grinned, "Please, sir, I like you speak to me English. My own language I know. English I wish to learn. Thank you."

Asked what he desired most, he replied, "To win back the titulo—title—I lost. Now is not Carlos Ortiz who is campeon—him I feel sure I can beat. Also can defeat new lightweight king, Teo Cruz."

Standing close by, manager Cain Young—a real estate man—remarked, "This boy is no braggart. Actually he's modest. But being aware of his ability, he is confident of beating any lightweight in the world. I happen to agree with him. Not only is he a great boxer but a fine person, as well. That is why I'm happy to have him living at my home."

Ismael Laguna was born on June 28, 1943, in Colon, Panama Republic. He and his twin brother were third-born. They have two brothers and six sisters. The father, Jenerosa, 57—formerly mayor of Santa Isabel—a small town—is now with the Police Department in Colon. "My mother, Modesta Meneses, is year older than my papa but looks muy joven—very young," said the ex-champ.

"What, or who, inspired you to take up boxing, Ismael?"

"Watching Willie Pep and Joe Brown—two excellent boxers," was the reply, "in fights on television. Was then thirteen. Year later I enter amateurs, in flyweight division. That was in 1961. I scored ten victories, lost one contest. After becoming amateur bantamweight champion, I turned pro. That was January, same year."

"What is the extent of your education?"

"Left high school in sixth grade."

"Did you learn a trade?"

"No, senor." The 5-foot-10 lightweight shook his head, grinning. "But at age fifteen I took job in slaughterhouse, killing puercos y vacas—that is, pigs and cows."

"What method of killing did you apply to the animals?"

"First I stun them by giving electric shock, then hit on head with hammer. Is cruel, unpleasant work," added Ismael in apologetic tones, "but had to help support large family. Was four years on that job."

"Reckon you had a large number of street fights. Is that so?"

"Ah, si—mucho, many." Laguna's teeth flashed in a big smile. "But most it was to protect muchachitos—little kids—from bullies." He thought a moment,

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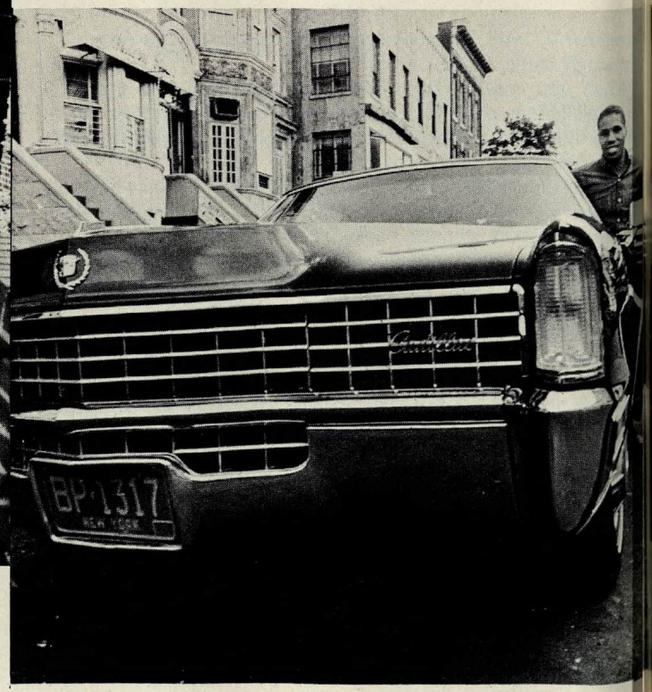
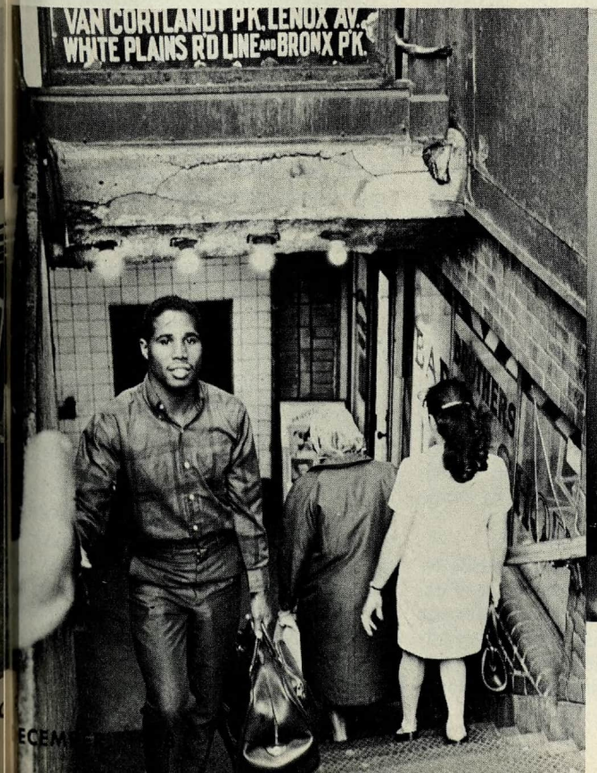


(Above) Headed for gym workout are Laguna (right) and middleweight Jose Gonzalez. Saying goodbye is Mrs. Cain Young, wife of the boxers' manager. (Right) Ismael has big smile as he climbs into shiny new Cadillac.

After driving his auto to the nearest train station, Laguna rides the subway to gymnasium in Manhattan.



(Left) Up from the IRT station climbs the Panamanian, heading for the 28th Street Gym. (Above) Laguna affixes his signature to a document in the presence of his pilot, Cain Young.

THE LATIN VIEWPOINT

KID GAVILAN SALE DE CUBA POBRE Y ENFERMO, PERO CON ALTO ESPIRITU

Por PEDRO GALIANA

DESPUES de 10 años de sufrimientos en lo comunizada Cuba, Gerardo González, el mundialmente conocido pugilista cubano que llegó a ser campeón welter del mundo con el nombre de. Kid Gavilán, se encuentra nuevamente en la tierra de sus triunfos, en los Estados Unidos, pero, en condiciones muy distintas, a la que adornaron sus viajes desde Cuba en sus días de esplendor.

Cuando Gavilán venía a los Estados Unidos, antes de Castro, siempre viajó como un magnate, en primera, y siempre se hizo sentir como el atleta-millionario. Tenía buena fortuna acumulada en los bancos de Cuba y poseía una personalidad y un nombre que atraían. Vestía admirablemente bien, con sus trajes cortados por los mejores sastres, y, nunca le faltaban en el bolsillo 20 dólares para regalar al más necesitado.

Hoy, Gavilán ha logrado salir, por fin, de Cuba, después de 10 años de verdadero sufrimiento, y, no ha traído otra cosa que la ropa raída que llevaba encima, un viejo sweater rojo de cuando era campeón, y $10 dólares que le dejaron sacar en el bolsillo

En Miami, todos le reconocieron y todos le saludaron como el popularísimo campeón que fué. Los choferes paraban sus carros para decirle: "Hola, Kid! Nos alegra verte!". . . Los cubanos le aplaudieron dondequiera que fué en los primeros momentos, y, muchos contribuyeron gustosos a una colecta popular para aliviarle la existencia en los primeros momentos. Todo el mundo le recibió con los brazos abiertos, y hasta hubo un periódico, el "Miami Herald," que le dedicó un editorial de bienvenida. En New York ha ocurrido lo mismo. Todo el mundo le ha recibido con los brazos abiertos, y el nombre de Gavilán ha vuelto a colocarse en primera línea, como cuando fué campeón del mundo.

En New York, el Kid se reunió con su antigua esposa y sus tres hijos, que residen en el Bronx. Moralmente, su espíritu es tan fuerte como la noche que ganó el campeonato del mundo. Físicamente, sin embargo, no es siquiera la sombra de aquél que fué extraordinario campeón. El Kid está mal de salud y está afectado de la vista. Quizás vea aquí algunos especialistas para no perder la visión. La realidad es que necesita ayuda, y ésa es la que le prooprcionan ahora los numerosos cubanos que se encuentran en el exilio.

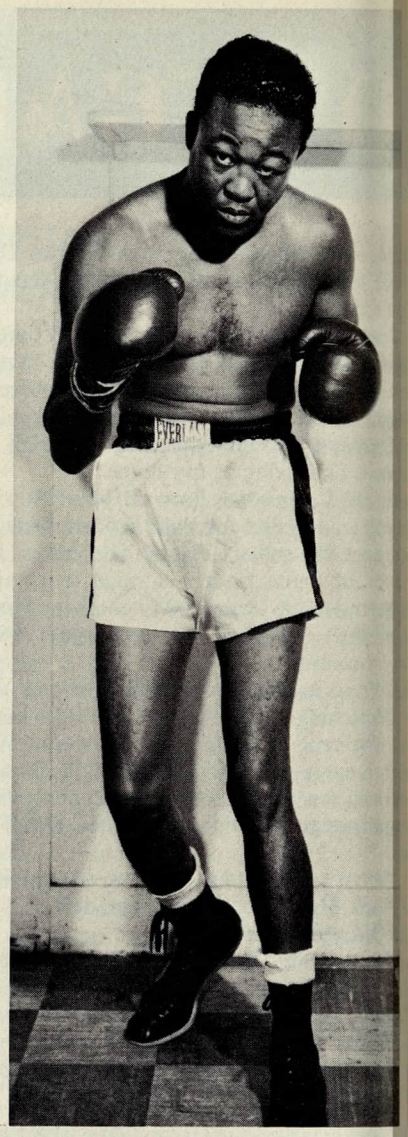
Se recordará que Gavilán ganó la faja mundial derrotando en 1951 a Johnny Bratton, después que Ray Sugar Robinson había dejado el fajín abandonado. Fué un campeón que peleó, y perdió la corona en Filadelfia, algunos años después, en 1954, cuando fué superado por Johnny Saxton.

Después de retirarse de las cosas del ring, regresó a Cuba en 1958, comprando una finca cerca de La Habana. Dos veces unió sus esfuerzos a los de Yamil Shade para actuar en los rings de Buenos Aires, Argentina. Y en una ocasión hizo una película para un productor argentino.

En La Habana quiso realizar un come back, pero, falló en dos ocasiones.

Cuando Fidel Castro llegó al poder, lo primero que hizo fué apoderarse de la finca del Kid, que está puesta en las mejores condiciones. Desde entonces, Gavilán estuvo tratando de salirse de la isla, pero, cuando llegaba a las dependencias oficiales solo le explicaban que "sus papeles no estaban en orden." Entonces, Gavilán abrazó la religión de los "Testigos de Jehová" y desde entonces ha estado ligado a esa causa.

En Cuba, desde luego, nadie puede tener otra religiôn que no sea la de Fidel Castro. Por eso fué arrestado 9 veces por tratar de leer páginas de la Biblia en público. Siempre fué libertado tras cada arresto, porque su delito era tan solo el tratar de poner a las gentes en contact con Dios.



KID GAVILAN

Muchos líderes del gobierno castrist quisieron convertirle al comunismo, por l buena propaganda que ello le representa ba. Pero, Gavilán siempre se negó, afir mando que había vivido aquí 12 años tenía muy adentro las cosas de este país

El Kid, una vez en Miami, recordó co los periodistas que fué en esa ciudad qu él participó en la primera pelea inter racial que se ofreció en la ciudad, ha biendo derrotado por decisión a Bobb Dykes, en un combate que será memo rable.

En el primer round de esa pelea, tiró Dykes a la lona, quedando éste último en tan malas condiciones que se temió qu pudiera producirse un incidente, pero afortunadamente, Dykes se recuperó, y siguió peleando en condiciones hasta per der en el último momento una difícil de cisión.

The Chatter Box

By JOHN ORT

ODDITY OF THE MONTH — A semi-final in New Orleans, La. last month caused a lot of confusion when light heavyweight Al Franklin was awarded a third-round TKO over local boy Roger Watkins.

The bout progressed slowly in the first two rounds, with Watkins having the edge. Then, with a few seconds left in the second round, Franklin woke up and connected with a left hook to the body which floored Watkins. The referee waved Franklin to a neutral corner, but failed to start a count. Watkins, flat on his back and with a look of pain on his face, glanced to his corner where his handlers were screaming to the ref that their boy was hit with a low blow. Franklin's corner also was yelling at the referee because he failed to count Watkins out. When the bell sounded for round three, Watkins' handlers would not allow him to continue. They wanted a five-minute rest, claiming a foul blow.

Afterward, the boxing commission stated that there was no count because Franklin did not go to a neutral corner. The commission also stated that it was up to the officials to call a fair or foul blow.

It goes to prove that even with two judges and a referee, things still can become a mess.

Another light note, this one from Auckland, New Zealand, where local KO specialist Kahu Mahanga ran into some bad luck. Kahu decked his opponent, Ravuama Roko, Fijian middleweight king, three times in round two. Mahanga belted his adversary so hard that he broke his hand and could not answer the bell for round three! It goes into the Ring Record Book as a three-round kayo win for Roko. Tough break for the young New Zealander.

Canadian promoters of the Benvenuti-Art Hernandez bout, which Nino won, have filed a $500,000 suit against the Italian for "coercion, intimidation and breach of contract"... Benvenuti's next title defense will be against Utah's Don Fullmer in Italy later this year... Emile Bruneau was reappointed Chairman of the Louisiana State Athletic Commission... Former top ranked middleweight Rocky Castellani was a guest referee in Scranton, Pa. last month... Spain's Jose Legra, who claims part of the world featherweight title, gave up his European crown to concentrate on the former ... Is Cassius Clay trying to get even for Custer by fighting Seattle's Bill Schellhas on the Indian reservation near Omak, Wash.? . . . The bout would be billed for the heavyweight championship if the Indian agency in Washington, D.C. gives its OK. Promoters Nick Granger and Tommy Ellez would locate the boxing ring between two hills, and the patrons would be expected to use the grass for seats... Lightweight contender Lloyd Marshall, Newark, N.J., had scar tissue removed from above his eyes recently, and will be out of action for a few months... Baltimore promoter Eli Hanover has pencilled in a Dick Tiger-Andy Kendall light heavyweight bout for his city early next year... This would be the biggest attraction Baltimore has had in the last 20 years... The Franklin Athletic Club in Franklin, Pa., is reviving boxing with amateur shows under the direction of Jack Harrah... Fight Manager Joe Davis took the fatal step last month by getting married... Davis manages heavyweight Billy Moore and light heavyweight Randy Stevens... Former heavyweight king Sonny Liston suffered a fractured hand in the Henry Clark bout... Con O'Kelly, a good heavyweight in England during the Twenties, died recently at the age of 61... Con was a semi-finalist in the 1924 Olympics, and became a priest after retiring from the ring... World junior welterweight champion Paul Fujii returned to the hospital in Tokyo with back pains while training for his defense against Nicolino Loche of Argentina... Early in the year Fujii was injured in a car accident... Indian Benny Deathpaine, light heavyweight of the Forties, is now a licensed masseur in New York City... Former Canadian heavyweight king Bob Cleroux made it three straight in his comeback, by stopping Nassau, B.W.I. heavyweight Bert Perry in five ... Middleweight Freddie Little is now a host at Marty Kutzen's "Carousel" in Las Vegas... Also associated with Kutzen are Joe Kiernan, manager of Little, and Irving Marcus, ex-boxer and referee... Heavyweight Jerry Quarry may manage his brother Mike if the youngster decides to take a crack at the pros... Jerry and his sister have made a record and are singing at some of the better clubs out west... A boxing oldtimers' dinner was held last month in Auburn, N.Y. Present were Tommy Loughran, a Boxing Hall of Famer, and Carmen Basilio who is making a run at this year's Hall of Fame... M.C. for the affair was Norm Rothschild, the Syracuse promoter... WBA flyweight king Horacio Accavallo is on the shelf again, this time with a sore throat... Accavallo, who hasn't fought in over a year, is scheduled to box Brazilian Jose Severino in a title bout, that is if Jose doesn't grow too old waiting... Ralph DeJohn, a middleweight 30 years ago, now owns a bar in his home town of Syracuse... Promoter George Parnassus spent $85,000 for purses and another $11,000 for transportation to his bouts, which headlined world bantamweight king Lionel Rose, three Mexicans, a Scotsman and a Japanese in Los Angeles last August ... Detroit's VBA opened up another year under the guidance of president Lou H. Handler... Taunton, Mass., fight promoter Paul Mitrano employs his boxing stable in his Chevy auto agency between bouts... Welterweight Gary Bailey, who fought a few years back, is again lacing up the gloves under the direction of Howard Albert and Gil Clancy... Gary retired to the photography business, but caught the boxing bug again... Jimmy Rosette, who fought under the name of Jimmy James, is now on a succesesful comeback trail as a light heavyweight... He recently defeated high-ranking Ferd Hernandez and Rocky Rivero... Rosette is a steelworker for Rohr Aviation in San Diego when not boxing... Bantamweight champion Lionel Rose is getting the largest guarantee ever given a bantamweight champion: $75,000 from promoter George Parnassus, in Los Angeles... New Jersey heavyweight Charlie Harris (Shyder) is employed by the Dave Koster fur firm in New York... Dr.

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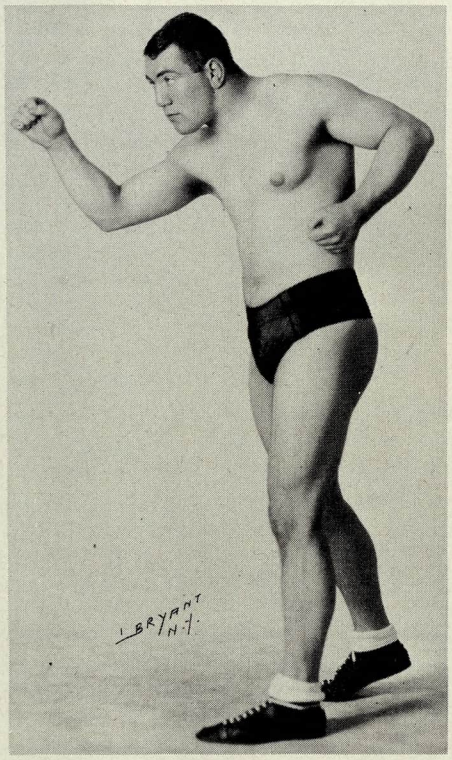


CON O'KELLY

Foster Feasts On Non-Title Foes

Washington Senators' slugging Frank Howard admires the Ring Magazine belt he presented to light heavyweight king Bob Foster in ceremonies in the national capital. Mayor Walter Washington of the District of Columbia (left) takes part in the proceedings.

By NAT LOUBET

LAST May 24, in New York's Garden, Bob Foster finally got the chance of his fistic career. He faced Dick Tiger, world light heavyweight champion, and made good his promise to dethrone the man from Biafra. The end came in the fourth round.

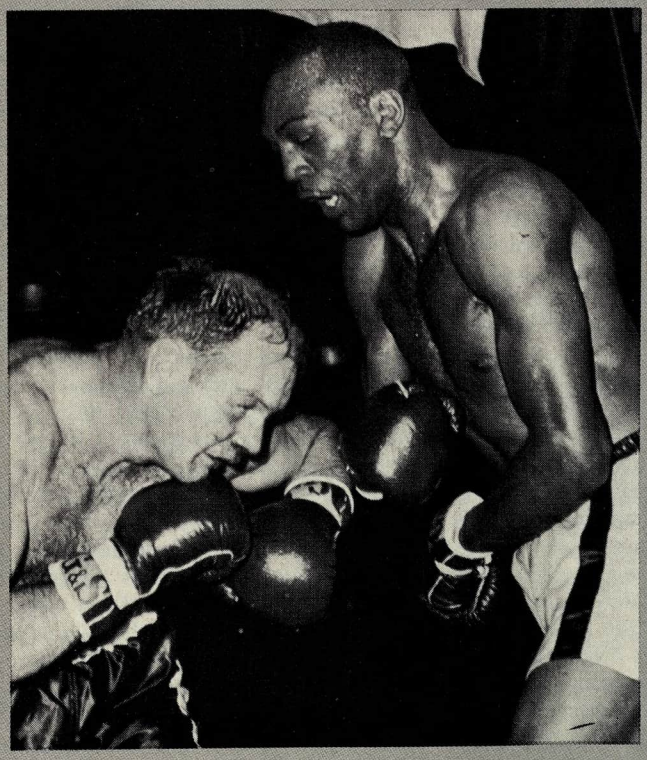
Foster spent the month of June taking it easy and luxuriating in possession of the world title. He also did a lot of talking about taking on any heavyweight who would give him the shot—that is, any heavy among the Top Ten, with a preference for Joe Frazier.

Since winning the title Bob has not defended it. His meeting with Roger Rouse, whom he disposed of in five rounds in Washington, was a non-title affair.

On July 29 Foster stopped Charley Polite in three heats at West Springfield, Mass. and on August 26 the title holder took nine rounds to beat Eddie Vick at Albuquerque, before no more than 2500 guests.

The fight with Vick was marked by a scare for Foster in the first round. Eddie decked Bob with a right to the jaw. Foster arose at the count of six. This did not appear to further Foster's ambitions in the heavyweight class. He called Vick's punch the hardest he yet has stopped.

The fight with Rouse showed up Roger as an inadequate opponent for Bob. Referee Joe Bunfa stopped the uneven match at 2:34 of the fifth. Rouse was a carmine mess, with cuts galore all over his face, around his nose, under both eyes. The brawl was not doing anything to improve the breed of fighters. Bunfa was wise, indeed, to call a halt and send Rouse back to Anaconda wondering if entry into some other type of work would not be wise.



Bloodied Roger Rouse tries to cover up against Foster during their Washington bout in which the 175-pound champion stopped the Montanan in the fifth round.

Not so far back there was a time when Rouse was rated the No. 1 contender for the light heavy title. But a seventh-round KO by Tiger reduced Roger's rating and prestige, and now he is a contender no longer.

The Ring Magazine ratings show Dick Tiger to be the most prominent challenger, with former champion Jose Torres, conqueror of Australia's Bob Dunlop, apparently giving some thought to quitting the ring, and Greg Peralta and Houston collegian Mark Tessman having something to say concerning Foster and his laurels.

Tiger demands a return go with Foster but Bob says, "I had to guarantee Dick $100,000 to induce him to meet me. Now I am in the commanding position. If Tiger wants a chance to regain the title he will have to make sure that I get $100,000 for my end. That would be only fair."

New York is ready to promote the fight. But not on the financial scale outlined by Foster.

The night Foster beat Tiger there were only 11,547 paying guests and the take was not more than $113,728. The TV lagniappe came to $25,000.

On the basis of these figures Foster's $100,000 demand does not appear to be justified. However, that's a matter for would-be promoters and the two fighters to settle among themselves.

As a prelude to his fight with Rouse, if fight it may be called, Foster received The Ring Magazine's championship belt from the capital's mayor, Walter Washington, and slugger Frank Howard, of the Senators.

Rouse's showing, as far as it *(Continued on page 38)*

BENVENUTI VICTOR IN TORONTO

by FRANK ALLNUTT

TORONTO, Ont.—12,750 fans, paying over $100,000 took in the often on again, off again fight in which orld middleweight champion Nino Benveuti easily outpointed Art Hernandez, maha, Neb., in 10 at Maple Leaf ardens.

After the official weigh in at the Ontario Commission Office the promotion again was in danger of being wiped out. Bruno Amaduzzi, the champion's manager, held the gun to the promoter's head, demanding more money or Benvenuti would not show. Showing complete disregard for the official time of the weigh-in, Amaduzzi and his fighter showed up more than 30 minutes late for the ceremony.

Amaduzzi then called a few members of the press together and announced that the fight was off unless he received a new contract.

Promoters Dan and Paul Iannuzzi were all set to toss Amaduzzi out of the seventh floor window. Teddy Brenner, matchmaker for Madison Square Garden, moved in as mediator. In the meantime, news had gone out over the air that once again the fight was off.

Less than four hours before the first bout of the card went on an agreement was reached between Amaduzzi and the promoters. Once the news got around that the fight was again on and Benvenuti would appear the fans from Toronto's Canadian-Italian community headed for the Gardens to see their idol Nino in action. Benvenuti did not disappoint them. He has class, lots of it.

Weighing in at 163½, Benvenuti had it over Hernandez, 164, in both height and reach which he continually put to good use. What Hernandez lacked in these departments he more than made up for in spirit.

Benvenuti started off slowly, content to use his long left against the bobbing, weaving Hernandez. By the third round he was warming up to the job. Though his combinations weren't up to his usual speed he used them effectively against the fighter from Omaha. His fans loved it.

Before the sixth round Benvenuti gaily waved to the crowd. It was during this

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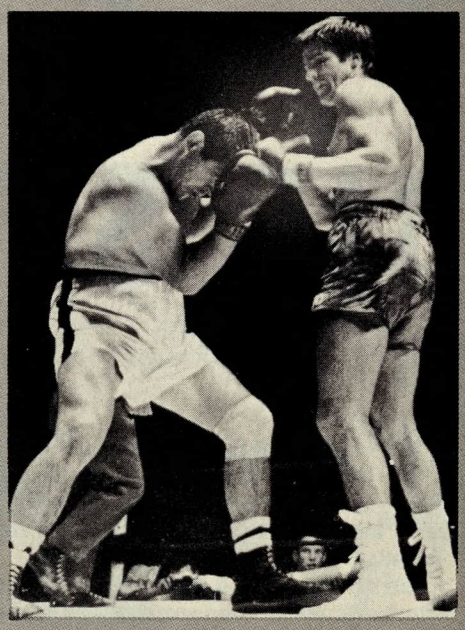


Art Hernandez covers up during his non-title bout with middleweight king Nino Benvenuti at Toronto. The Italian won a 10-round decision.

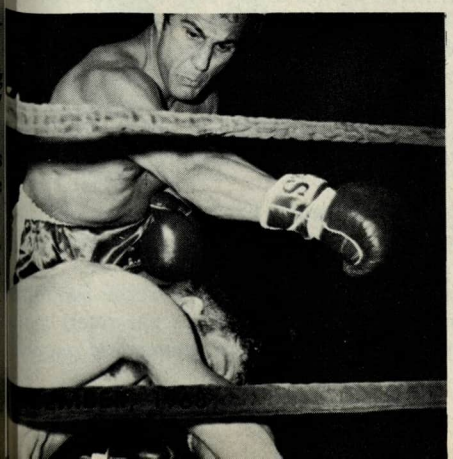
DePaula Stops McDermott

By GEORGE GIRSCH

THE Felt Forum in Madison Square Garden, with a seating capacity of 5000, was opened to the public for boxing with a secondary attraction that brought together Frank De Paula, Jersey City, and Jimmy McDermott, Holyoke, Mass.

A crushing right-hand blow landed on McDermott's chin following a heavy barrage of rights and lefts which put the Bay Stater down for the full count in the fourth round. It was the fifth and final knockdown. The victim suffered two in the first round and three in the fourth.

The victory paved the way for an elimination contest with Dick Tiger, former champion, as De Paula's opponent, the winner to face the victor of a Benvenuti vs. Don Fullmer title bout.



Frank DePaula floors Jimmy McDermott in the first round of their contest at the Felt Forum in Madison Square Garden. DePaula stopped his opponent in the fourth round.

Tiger, at the ringside, declared he was amazed at the punching power of De Paula.

The light heavyweight contest drew 4179 spectators. The spiffy arena, with its orange and yellow seats, was nearly full.

Combination shots paved the way for De Paula's triumph. The 28-year-old Jerseyan went after his prey like a wounded tiger. In the final session, De Paula came off the ropes, snapped his right with power and sent Irish Jimmy to the canvas for the last time. Referee Mark Conn rushed toward the battlers to halt the contest, but it was too late. The KO had landed.

Seconds before the knockout punch landed, McDermott was clouted into a helpless state. De Paula followed up his advantage with combinations and as Conn raced to halt the affair the final shot knocked the Bay Stater out cold.

The winner made it his fifth straight knockout for the year, and his 13th in 18 fights. He weighed 175 and his victim, 171. The bout ended in 53 seconds of the KO round.

Juan Rueda, New York, floored at the end of the second round in his bout with Pat Murphy, West New York, both 141, was counted out after the bell had sounded.

In the eight-round semi-windup, Bobby Melendez, 139½, defeated Mario Saurennan, Philadelphia, by a unanimous decision. Milo Mamarelli, Secaucus, N.J., 128, drew in six with Tony Cruz of Jersey City, 130.

In four-rounders, Roland Trotman, New York, 136, won a unanimous decision over Adolphus McClendon, Paterson, 131½, and Walter Sealey, Freeport, L.I., 130, scored over Rocky Orengo, New York, by a split decision.

TEXAS, BIG STATE, BIG MEN!

By TED CARROLL

"THE stars at night are big and bright, deep in the heart of Texas." Natives of our biggest continental state like to think of everything being big down Texas way, in the land of the longhorns, the Alamo, the range riders, the oil fields, the big-hatted "Big Rich" and Big Talk.

The state inscription should be "the bigger the better."

It should come as no surprise that big fellows have dominated the Texas boxing scene, the biggest and the best of all the Texans being, of course, the legendary Jack Johnson, whom veteran Ring Editor Nat Fleischer calls the greatest of the heavyweight champions.

There was a time long ago when the Man from Galveston was an embarrassment to his Southern oriented fellow citizens but those days are gone and Texans can point with pride to the powerful black man as symbolic of Texas superiority.

Johnson gave indications of the way in which he was headed, as a teenage strong man on the docks of Galveston. He could outlift any of his fellow stevedores. This was the beginning of a long and tempestuous trail culminating in the world heavyweight championship.

He carved a career which 20 years after his passing, was of such world-wide impact that a play based upon his life is being presented on New York's Broadway.

His extra curricular goings-on aside, Johnson's prowess in the ring was of such magnitude that prejudice has succumbed to provincial pride. According the great Negro boxer his just due as Texas' greatest fighting product is no more than fair.

Another Big man, Cleve Williams, has been largely responsible for the accelerating boxing interest in the Lone Star State. Although he proved unequal to the task of taking the heavyweight title from Cassius Clay in 1966, Williams has done respectably since then. He remains a big attraction in Houston and in three fights since the Clay failure has scored two knockouts, a sign that he retains some of the power which made him one of the most feared men in the division for many years.

Texas seems to like 'em big. But in Curtis Cokes, out of Dallas, the state has a welterweight champion of whom any locality could well be proud.

Since gaining general recognition as 147-pound titleholder in 1966, by beating France's Jean Josselin, following Emile Griffith's abdication as welter king, he has knocked out three challengers: Francois Pavilla, Charley Shipes and Willie Ludick. He is a precision boxer of the old school, a bulls-eye puncher who can "thread the needle" with a right hand which packs blasting power.

Texas' trio of world champions is filled out by another little fellow with a big punch. Lew Jenkins, the "Sweetwater Swatter," also rose to fame on the strength of an explosive right hand punch.

Jenkins won the lightweight championship of the world in Madison Square Garden in 1940 by knocking out Lou Ambers—a better than average champion—in three rounds.

The Ambers kayo was his eighth straight knockout which gives some idea of the dynamite in the wallop of the scrawny Jenkins whose cadaverous look belied his power.

Along with his punch, which he pinpointed as accurately a though it were guided by radar, Jenkins possessed considerabl boxing skill. As long as he was lean and hungry, and allied wit the beauteous Katy Jenkins, the skinny Texan was a lightweigh terror. But once champion he took off on a tailspin of celebration motorcycling madly up and down Broadway, and disportin himself in the hotspots of the town at such a feverish tempo, hi natural talents were soon dissipated.

His reign as champion was much briefer than it should hav been. Had Jenkins' reaction to success been more stable he migh have gone down in ring history as one of the outstanding cham pions in his division. His war record in two conflicts, Worl War 2 and the Korean War, is one of the most impressive eve achieved by any boxer.

Although he was born in Little Rock, Ark., long-time Texa referee and boxing official Jimmy Webb was always billed as Texan. Back in the pre-World War 2 days he looked like th best light heavyweight prospect in the ring for a time. He hac a style reminiscent of Billy Conn but had a punch to go with it

A good-looking chap, he boxed and punched his way int front-line contention among the 175 pounders in 1940 but he hac nothing like Conn's ruggedness, and this was his undoing.

Three successive setbacks, all early knockouts at the hands o Mose Brown—a Pittsburgher with a punch, but little else—ended any championship aspirations he may have had.

One of the busiest as well as one of the best of the Lone Sta Staters, Austin's welterweight Bobby Dykes, missed the worl championship by the slimmest of margins. Kid Gavilan had t go all out to retain his title against Dykes in the first mixed bou ever held in the state of Florida, on Feb. 4, 1952. Dykes, wh was almost six feet tall, arose from an early-round knockdow to battle the Cuban Hawk on even terms the rest of the way—Gavilan's edge at the end was razor thin.

Dykes was a come-one-come-all fighter, who in his 10 years o campaigning in the welter and middleweight divisions neve barred anybody, always acquitting himself well against the tough est opposition that could be found. One of his more creditabl performances was turned in against Sugar Ray Robinson in Chi cago on Nov. 8, 1950. The fans figured on an early exit fo themselves and Bobby but they watched in amazement as th Texas boy took his famed foe right down to the wire in a stub bornly contested battle. A close decision went to Ray.

Dykes did much of his boxing in Miami, where he was mainstay of Capt. Peeple's promotions. After retirement he set tled in Florida.

Louisiana-born Joe Brown, former lightweight champion, ap peared so often in Houston as the titleholder that he made boxin history in the Lone Star State.

Of the Mexican Americans who claimed a Texas identifica tion, Manuel Gonzales, born in Odessa, Tex., has rated as th most successful, even though his bid *(Continued on page 38)*

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PUNCH LINES

ABOUT THE FELT FORUM

I AM a New York boxing nut. I have been waiting for the Garden to organize its advertised program in the Felt Forum part of the Garden, which, they say, seats about 4000.

I believe that some interesting cards could be shown in that type of arena at fair prices.

I would like to see Harry Markson show men in the bantam, feather and lightweight classes, especially the smaller boxers, in the Forum at fair prices.

Henry Darro
New York, N.Y.

ABOUT JOEY ARCHER

What happened to Joey Archer, the best middleweight in boxing? I saw him beat Griffith and get bypassed in the voting, which my friends and I regarded as an outrage. If Joe has quit in protest he is all wrong, because he could take this guy Benvenuti with only six weeks of training.

Boxing needs a man like Archer, for many reasons. One of them is that he is white, and I say this in no derogation of the many Negro fighters, the black middleweights in particular. It is good for boxing to preserve a balance in racial quality in all divisions.

Felix Haaren
Hoboken, N.J.

Editor's Note—The Ring for November had a fine story about the Archer Mystery. How come you missed it?

WANTS CHANCE FOR NAPOLES

I was impressed with The Ring Magazine's stand favoring Bob Foster who finally got his chance and won the light heavyweight title. I would like to see Joe Napoles, an excellent fighter, get his chance at the world welter crown. He deserves that. In view of Mojica's victory over Chionoi, I would like to see Raton get a crack at the flyweight title, for which he has been aiming for a long time. Luis Rodriguez, although showing his age in recent battles, is another who should be placed top contender for the middleweight title.

P. Phillips
Warwickshire, England

WHY SO CRITICAL OF FRAZIER?

Why is there so much criticism of Joe Frazier, who has courage, fighting qualities and gentlemanly behavior? I believe, as does The Ring through its ratings, that he belongs where you have him listed—the top man in the division.

I believe Frazier could whip Clay. Joe is the most courageous, toughest in the division.

I congratulate you on your fine magazine and hope that Clay's case will be settled soon so that he can meet current contenders.

Jerry Robinson
Birmingham, Ala.

FIVE MIDDLEWEIGHTS IGNORED?

How can the computer guys down in Miami get away with ignoring Papke, Klaus, Darcy, Ryan and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in their middleweight tournament?

I can see where Jack might be listed as a light heavy or a heavyweight.

But how in the name of logic can they back up snubbing Klaus, Papke and Darcy, let alone Ryan?

You may say that the computer tournament is all in fun. Well and good. But do you know how many fight fans take those things seriously?

Have you the slightest idea how many thousands of nuts like myself got excited when the heavyweight tournament came up with Rocky Marciano as the greatest of all time?

Listing Marciano as the champ of champs was just a pipe dream. But I know of two guys in my neighborhood who thought the computer bouts actually were fought. No fooling!

Joe Billig
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Editor's Note—The Ring also wonders why Papke, Klaus and Darcy have been ignored. See special story in this issue.

SOME PROBLEMS BOTHER HIM

Boxing's comeback is continuing. But I see persisting problems that mar the sport in less-publicized areas.

Many erroneous matchings continue under the eyes of state commissions, who don't check fighters' records. Many safety precautions go almost ignored. Many unqualified managers control boxers. There are not enough small clubs.

The thing that worries me is these problems and others are overlooked in the midst of prosperity in other areas. The WBA, despite its tournament, cannot pull itself together and function smoothly.

I hope The Ring, as boxing's leading authority, will take a strong stand. We wouldn't like the cries of Federal control to rise again.

Dan Black
Scarsdale, N.Y.

THE WHAMMIE IS ABROAD!

In recent issues of The Ring, I have noted a strange whammie. It is "The Curse Of The Special Article." It seems that The Ring has been jinxing fighters by writing special articles about them. Mysteriously, soon after, these fighters lose.

For instance, in your March issue, you ran special features on both Dave Zyglewicz, heavyweight, and Gypsy Joe Harris, middleweight. Zyglewicz has recently lost to Sam Wyatt, and it was later found that he was anemic. Harris was trounced by Griffith. Also, in your June issue, you wrote a fine article about Bob Dunlop, Australian light heavy champion. Dunlop was flattened by Jose Torres. In the May issue, a fine article on "White Hope" Jerry Quarry. He was soon made the fool by Jimmy Ellis.

There have been others. In the January issue, an article on middleweight Charlie Austin, who has recently suffered a string of setbacks and tough losses. In the April issue, a fine article on Johann Orsolics of Austria. Orsolics was recently stopped by Bruno Arcari, of Italy. In your June issue, an article on two rising light heavies, Charlie Green and Angel Oquendo. Green has been kayoed in his recent two bouts. Oquendo has lost two, as well. In your August issue, an article on the fighting Melendez trio. One of them, Victor, was recently trounced by Ismael Laguna.

Please, stop writing these special articles! They cause pain and sorrow.

Charles Brown
Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.

Editor's Note—That so many of our featured fighters have run into trouble speaks volumes for the fine condition of boxing. It we cannot rely on a star to stand up for his Ring special, fine and dandy. We aren't kicking. The men about whom we write merit outstanding consideration at the time. Getting licked does not carry with it absolute finality in a boxer's career.

PRO ELLIS, CONTRA CLAY

I am only 13 years old and I may not know as much about boxing as the grown-ups that write to Punch Lines. But I feel that I can give my opinion and agree with what Casey Landreth wrote. Ellis is the champ and everybody knows it. Clay was lucky he got barred from boxing because Ellis and The Ring's Top 10 Contenders could beat him. I hope Clay wins his trial and can fight, but he says he won't box and I know why. He's chicken.

Carmen Della Pelle
Wildwood, N.J.

Editor's Note—Welcome to the Punch Lines Club, Carmen. You are harsh in your comments on Clay. As for Ellis, he will get his night in the ring when he fights Frazier.

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

JACK Dempsey, the "Manassa Mauler," is kept busy, as usual, what with his activities at his and Jack Amiel's restaurant in the Brill Bldg. and the many demands made upon him. There's no rest for Jack because he's always in demand here, there and everywhere. Besides, he makes regular trips to the Coast to visit with his daughters, Joan and Barbara, and his flock of granddaughters. One of his great thrills took place recently at the Lambs Club, famous actors' spot on West 44th St., when he was the "victim" on "Lambast Night." There was a lot of good-natured bantering going on, which Dempsey handled in his own good style.

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Floyd Patterson, always popular, has something new to boast about. Youngest man to ever win the heavyweight crown and first man to ever regain it, he now holds another distinction, but not one that he relishes. In his last three fights, the draw and loss to Jerry Quarry and the setback by Jimmy Ellis in Stockholm, all created hot debates. The main point is Patterson went the route all three times. However, his game stand against Ellis resulted in another disputed decision. Chickie Ferrara, cut man for Ellis, did a great job, we thought.

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Former middleweight king, Rocky Graziano, who is very happy with his TV setup, recently visited Hollywood and while there ran into ex-175 pound king, Maxie Rosenbloom, at the corner of Hollywood and Vine. Rocky said Maxie looks good. He plays a bit part in "Guys and Dolls" among other activities.

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James H. Hearns, sales representative with Air Canada, at 600 Madison Avenue, recently visited The Ring offices to see Publisher Nat Fleischer and other members of the staff and engaged in some reminiscences. Mr. Hearns was a member of The Ring staff some 20 years ago.

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A fine amateur boxing show was held recently at the St. Bernadette Church, at 82nd St. and 13th Ave., Brooklyn. The highlight was the presentation of the Tony Marteliano Memorial Sportsmanship Award in honor of the late welterweight. Most of Ring 21's members, of which ex-champ Paul Berlenbach is president, participated. Also present were Lou Salica and Paddy DeMarco, former bantam and lightweight kings. Other boxers present were Charley Varre, Chick McCormick, Walter Unger, Patrolman Al Miller, Willie Martin, Eddie 'Kid' Whalen, one-time Armory king, MC Sammy Venti, Harry Baumann, Petey Cara, Tony Dallas, Steve Riggio, popular Petey Hayes, Harry Mertz, Joe Pennino, Skippy Allen, Tony Antonelli, Frankie Terry, Dick Carbonare and John Lavoti. Refereeing was handled by Paul Venti and Teddy Martin, a member of the New York Boxing Commission staff. Also present was Armand J. Starace, executive secretary of the State Athletic Commission.

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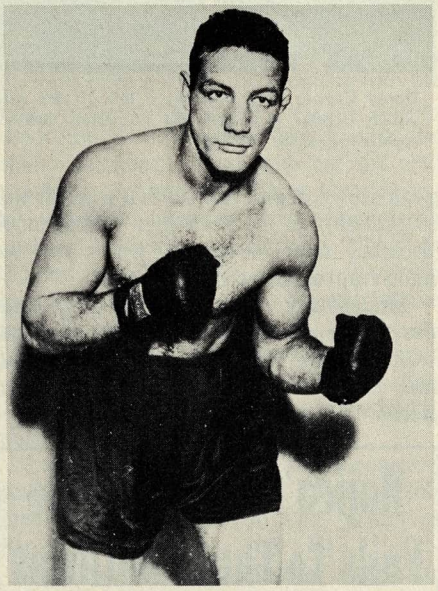
There was a lot of hullabaloo on Broadway recently over the 96th birthday of the



MAXIE ROSENBLOOM

venerable fight manager, Joe Woodman, manager of the immortal Sam Langford and other fistic stars. Meyer Chinsky, the official sign man in the boxing game, recently out of the hospital after undergoing surgery, made it a birthday to be well-remembered by popular Joe and his wife, Alice.

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Most popular man at the initial boxing show at the Felt Forum was ex-light heavyweight and middleweight king, Dick Tiger, who got a thunderous ovation when introduced. Other ex-champs present were Joey Giardello, Sandy Saddler and Ismael Laguna.

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Sandy Saddler is a physical instructor at the National Maritime Union and works out with many fighters. Trainer Chickie Ferrara also has a post at the 13th Street spot.

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The Garden gang still talks about likable Bob Adler, a good lightweight boxer from the Hudson Guild section of the West Side, in his day, who was in charge of ticket takers in the Garden for 45 years. He was in his 80s when he died.

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Ran into Phil Rosen recently. Phil has spent 55 years in the boxing game as promoter and manager. He joined our octogenarian gang when he reached that milestone recently. Phil's always trying to do things for people, especially the boys at the veterans' hospitals.

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A smiling face always found in the Garden is that of special officer Charles Donahue, who has spent 45 years with that organization. He was a good lightweight fighter in his day. He was a good pal of Harold Delaney, who was the late Tex Rickard's uncle. Donahue was a close friend of the late Sen. Marty McCue. Charles remembered when he was a sparring partner of Packey McFarland when the Chicagoan knocked out popular Jack Goodman, of the West Side, at the Manhattan Casino.

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First Vice President Charley Varre, of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, in Brooklyn, who hailed from the Brooklyn Navy Yard section, is a World War II and Korean War veteran. He still looks like a boy even though he will be 49 on Jan. 29 next. Varre and his lovely wife Stella, and daughter Rose Ann, are our neighbors in Brooklyn. Charley boxed from 1937 to 1942, picking up again after leaving the service in 1946 to 1957. Among the famous ones he clashed with were Chalky Wright, Allie Stolz, Bobby Ruffin, Al Reid, Terry Young, Richie Fontaine, Patsy Giovanelli, Vince Dell'Orto and Bernie Friedkin. His ring idol was the late Tony Canzoneri, whom he trained with at one time. Varre is now affiliated with Korvette's, on Fulton St., in Brooklyn.

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Sam Goldberg, Young McGowan as a fighter, former President of Ring #8, in

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Cooper Europe's New Champ; Did Mildy Get Bad Deal?

LONDON, England—Down the fistic toboggan goes Karl Mildenberger, of Germany. Down the skids goes Germany's remaining boxing prestige, what with Mildenberger's loss of the heavyweight championship of Europe to the ancient Henry Cooper, of England, and Lothar Stengel's first-round knockout by Tom Bogs, of Denmark.

Mildenberger's friends believe the time has come for the Teuton to call it a career.

They reason that if Karl can't beat the aged Cooper, there are few he can take care of if he hopes to make some decent money out of his glove throwing.

Mildenberger was disqualified for butting in round eight in the Wembley Pool here.

Referee Nello Barravecchia ruled the European title fight out of Karl's hands.

True, Mildy was running second in the point score. But he had seven more rounds in which to right himself, against an oldster whose age and bleeding habits left him wide open.

Mildenberger was decked twice by Henry, in the second and seventh heats.

What was it? A straight left or a butt? That was the big questions, but Barravecchia did not hesitate in disqualifying the German as blood spurted from Cooper's right eyebrow.

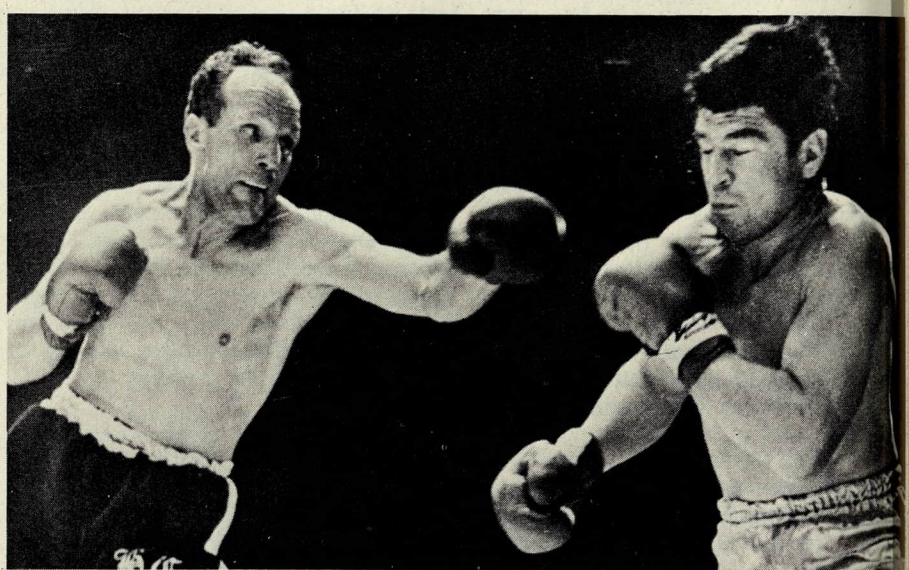
He never even called on the ringside doctor to inspect the damage. We had certainly seen Cooper bleed worse than he did this time and be allowed to fight on.

This does not infer that the laceration was not serious enough to call a halt. At the time of the stoppage Mildenberger was behind on points. With a few seconds left of round eight the two fighters were at close quarters. As they broke away the injury was revealed, and the German had lost his European title.

Karl had disappointed the 12,000 crowd, most of whom remembered him for his victory over Billy Walker in this same arena.

In round two Cooper caught Mildenberger stood still and then dropped to one ian referee had called "break." Mildenberger stood still and then dropped to one knee.

In the sixth Cooper's left eyebrow was slightly cut. In the seventh Mildenberger took a compulsory count of eight from a left hook that landed high up. So, at around 10 of the clock, Germany saw its last European crown depart and all that was left was to protest over the third man's decision. A decision, right or wrong, which will remain forever in the record books.



Henry Cooper (left) bounces a left off the face of Karl Mildenberger during their London bout in which Cooper regained the European heavyweight crown when Karl was disqualified in the eighth round for butting.

Mildenberger, the sportsman he is, went over to congratulate the Briton, who had won back the crown the EBU took from him in 1964 for failing to fight Karl in Berlin.

Cooper had an injured hand and could not make the date. Mildenberger faced Italian Sante Amonti for the vacant title and the German won in the first frame.

Against Cooper, Mildenberger was making his seventh defense of the European crown which he won on October 17, 1964.

Mildenberger came in at 207¾ pounds, the heaviest he has ever been. Against Muhammed Ali two years ago and when he lost to Oscar Bonavena he was lighter.

Cooper was as light as he has ever been, 186½ pounds.

Naturally Mildenberger's 20,000 pounds plus purse is being withheld but he probably will be paid in full later. If he is not, then the Cooper-Mildenberger stables will be on even terms. The Briton lost 800 pounds when he was disqualified against Erich Schöpner in Frankfurt on April 19, 1958.

The writer will never believe that Mildenberger butted Cooper intentionally. He has seen most of his fights and Karl is one of the fairest in the game. It is regrettable that a bout of this nature had to end in such a manner.

Mildenberger must retire. The sport has been good to him and he has always given his best. It would be advisable to get out now and not accept that one fight too many.

Cooper finds himself the champion of Europe again at age 34.

Mojica's Defense Style Fails To Thrill Mexicans

Mexico City, F.D.—In a tuneup for his world championship match on January 26 with Chartchai Chionoi, Alacran Torres, the Mexican title holder, won a unanimous decision over first-ranked Raton Mojica, Nicaragua.

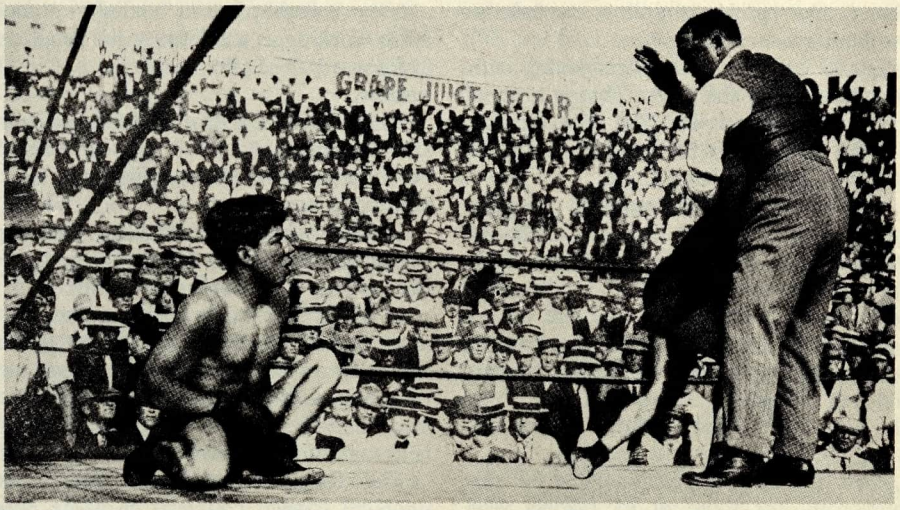
Mojica's defensive style failed to please the spectators. The victory for Torres was hailed by the Mexicans, who think his chances to win the flyweight title are bright.

Ruben Plivares knocked out Antoine Porcel, of France, in the opening round and Jose Jiminez won in 10 from Vicente Garcia.

A bout between Jose Legra, top-ranked featherweight, and Jiminez is in the making.

Jersey Jones Recalls:

SOME WEIRD DECISIONS



Historic double knockdown in Ad Wolgast-Joe Rivers lightweight title bout in Vernon, Cal. Referee Jack Welch picks up Wolgast while continuing count over Rivers, whose claim of foul is ignored.

THE furor stirred up by referee Harold Valan's decision for Jimmy Ellis over Floyd Patterson in their recent World Boxing Association heavyweight championship outing in Stockholm, Sweden, was not precisely a unique development in ring history.

Controversial verdicts by referees in important bouts have been fairly common in this rugged sock market.

One of the most notable was the verdict for Jack McAuliffe in his affair with Young Griffo in Coney Island back in 1894. Another was the "victory" credited to Ad Wolgast in that double-knockdown episode with Joe Rivers in Vernon, Cal., in 1912.

The McAuliffe-Griffo bout was a "natural" at the time. Actually a featherweight, the eccentric Australian wizard, Griffo, had been beating lightweights as well as opponents of his own poundage, and the match with McAuliffe became a hot attraction.

Although McAuliffe, recognized as American lightweight champion, was also claiming the world title, there was no championship involved in the meeting with Griffo. The bout was scheduled for 10 rounds, with no title at stake.

Despite the fact that McAuliffe enjoyed a 14-pound pull in the weights, all accounts of the scrap credited Griffo with having decisively beaten the champion, and referee Maxey Moore's verdict for McAuliffe was subjected to severe criticism. After the bout, Moore was asked how he had arrived at such a ridiculous decision. He explained that he had two registering devices in his hands, to check the punches of the rivals, and he must have got the gadgets mixed up.

As usual, the irresponsible Griffo represented a problem to his handlers before the bout. Ed Williams, his manager at the time, was quoted as saying:

"The day of the match we locked Griffo in his hotel room and took away his clothes, so he couldn't get out and get drunk. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon we heard he had been seen in a boardwalk saloon. He had made a rope of the bed clothes, shinnied down from his window, and stolen a bathing suit from a nearby bathhouse. We got a policeman and brought Griffo back to the hotel. He was in his bare feet, and before we could get him up to his room he insisted on getting his feet shined. To humor him, we took him to a barbershop and told him he must have a shave before going into the ring. While in the barber's we got a hundred feet of clothes line, tied him in the chair, and went to work with hot and cold towels on his face to sober him. Considering his physical condition, his performance against McAuliffe was amazing. Not once did the champion land a solid punch. Griffo gave him a boxing lesson. Yet the referee gave the decision to McAuliffe, and his explanation was as ridiculous as the decision."

The verdict in the Wolgast-Rivers affair was one of the most scandalous in the bulky, dusty archives of the prize ring.

In those days, it was a fairly common practice for a champion to name the referee. Wolgast insisted on Jack Welch of San Francisco.

For twelve rounds it was a grueling brawl. In the 13th both rivals connected simultaneously, Wolgast with a savage body punch and Rivers with a right to the chin. The result was a double knockdown. Welch started to toll the doleful decimals over them, but realized the champion wouldn't be able to beat the count. He reached down pulled Wolgast to his feet, and held him while he continued to count over Rivers, ignoring Mexican Joe's claim that he had been hit low.

Rivers pulled himself to his feet, and reeled back against the ropes as the bell ended the round.

Wolgast, meanwhile, had been hauled back to his corner, where his handlers worked frantically to revive him, but it didn't look as though he'd recover sufficiently to go out for another round. Whereupon Welch declared him the winner, insisting he had counted Rivers out, even though Mexican Joe was on his feet when the round ended at the count of eight.

The late Frankie Burns, one of the finest all-around mechanics ever produced in New Jersey, was a victim of two unpopular decisions in bids for the world bantamweight championship. Both bouts were in New Orleans—20-rounders with Johnny Coulon in 1912 and Kid Williams in 1915. Although the majority of the onlookers credited Burns with having the better of the milling with Coulon, referee Harry Stout's decision went to Coulon. Burns also apparently whipped Williams, but referee Ed Smith called it a draw.

Even with the advent of two judges to work with the referee, New York has had some strange verdicts. During the '20s, an epidemic of disputed decisions prompted the State Athletic Commission to try an experiment. When Tiger Flowers and Mike McTigue were matched in Madison Square Garden, the Commission felt that two respected business men, but real fight buffs, would be ideal for the judging assignments, and they appointed Bernard Gimbel of the department store clan, and Peter Brady, prominent banker, to officiate. We don't recollect what referee Eddie Purdy's decision was, but it had no bearing on the result, since Messrs. Gimbel and Brady tabbed for McTigue, and he was the official winner, although the majority of the witnesses, including the working press, felt that Flowers had won in convincing fashion.

Of more recent vintage, Emile Griffith was favored with disputed decisions in three world middleweight championship bouts in

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REFEREE'S VERDICT FOR ELLIS DRAWS FIRE FROM TVers

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system of letting the referee, and he alone, be responsible for the task of picking the winner and naming the loser, unless he says he has seen a draw.

Should there be two judges voting with the referee after the fight? That is a question not for this issue. The fact remains that the decision in Stockholm was made by Valan, and by Valan alone.

Howard Cosell, who reported the fight for the ABC television network, expressed surprise at the verdict right after the fight, and reiterated his opinion heatedly over the air on his return to New York.

However, at least two experts representing New York newspapers, Barney Nagler, Morning Telegraph, and Milt Gross, Post, who have been looking at fights a lot longer than Cosell, supported the decision.

Does The Ring Magazine come out unequivocally for those of its readers who have blasted Valan and his decision, or against them?

No. It does not shape up that way. Unhappily this magazine did not send a staff member to the fight. Frankly, it did not expect Patterson, whom The Ring had dropped from its Top Ten heavyweight contenders, to revive his degree of contention to the point which he exhibited at Stockholm.

Then there was the matter of having arranged with Valan, the referee, to write an exclusive, inside report of the fight for The Ring. The magazine was confident that it had protected itself fully. As it had.

All members of The Ring staff saw the fight on television. Here is how they voted:

Nat Fleischer, Patterson, nine to six; Nat Loubet, Patterson, eight to seven; Dan Daniel, Ellis, eight to seven; Jersey Jones, draw; George Girsch, Patterson, nine to six; John Ort, Patterson, nine to six; Sam Taub, eight, six and one even for Ellis.

There never has been any question as to Valan's competence as a referee. There never has been any doubt as to his devotion to the best interests of boxing and his dedication to the sport, wholeheartedly.

Does this mean that The Ring, off its TV view of the fight, is ready to controvert the hundreds of letter writers who were quick to vote against him, and in favor of a picture which had to reach the United States all the way from Stockholm, Sweden? No. It does not mean that any more than it conveys the thought that Valan could not possibly have been right.

Valan says he would have accepted the assignment to referee the fight even if there had been no pay.

He told the writer that he had taken the job for only $500, of which $100 will go to the Swedish income tax people and another $100 to the U.S. Internal Revenue when he is paid.

These deductions come down to a payment of $300 for a job which brought to Valan widespread and vehement criticism, and charges which should not be countenanced, apart from those derogating his competence and ability to judge a fight.

Valan's dedication to boxing is stressed in his working as a referee at the small club in Secaucus, N.J., for which his pay is $10 a show.

One would think that in his difficult situation Valan would merit support from the New York Commission, which lists him as an official referee.

However, instead of backing, Valan got a call to report to the Commission for questioning. Questioning for what?

It seems that somewhere in the Commission archives there is a forgotten rule requiring a Commission referee to get permission to work outside of the state of New York and then, not without two judges to help make the decision.

The Ring frequently has been called upon by foreign countries to name either a referee or a judge for an international bout. Twice we have recommended Arthur Mercante and twice Harold Valan as outstanding officials who would give the decision as they saw it. They are two of the best officials extant.

Having watched the Stockholm fight on TV instead of being at the ringside, I disagreed with the Valan decision, but that does not make my decision the correct one.

I have refereed and judged international title bouts in many parts of the world and at times I have criticized reports that found fault with my official decisions, despite the fact that the vote was either unanimous or two to one. All I can say is that officials in or at the ring are in a far better position to judge the bout than those who rely on TV.

In the sixty years during which I have traveled worldwide to report boxing contests, I cannot recall any international bout that aroused criticism like the one in Stockholm. Somebody is right, somebody is wrong, and Patterson stays mum.

TEXAS: BIG STATE, BIG MEN!

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for the welterweight title failed when he lost to Emile Griffith in Madison Square Garden on Dec. 10, 1965. Early the same year Gonzales had surprised by winning a non-title verdict over Emile in Houston.

Another Panhandle lad who showed great potential just before World War 2 was welterweight Artie Dorrell, of Tyler, Tex., as did Sanders Cox, a Dallas heavyweight, but neither came up to expectations.

Roy Harris, school-teaching, college-trained cowboy from picturesquely named Cut'N'Shoot, Tex., was one of three Texans to get a crack at the heavyweight title, Johnson and Williams being the others. Harris, a likable, high-class chap, ran up a string of wins over second-flight foes on his Texas home grounds. He fortunately met the qualifications for a contender as laid down by cautious Cus D'Amato, Patterson's Svengali, and was given a chance at champion Floyd in Seattle, Wash. on Aug. 18, 1958.

The match was stopped in the 12th round with Floyd the winner, after he apparently had taken his own time before ending matters.

Boxing people are well aware of the Texas preference for bigness, so a couple of imports, Dave Zyglewicz, from Watervliet, N.Y., and Karl Zurheide, a Milwaukee native, have turned out to be favorites in Houston. The muscular Zyglewicz is crude but rugged, and punches fairly well. These are assets which are always welcome in a heavyweight.

The most impressive prospect to come along down Texas way in many years—some say since the great Johnson himself—is the Houston college boy, Mark Tessman. Like the old-time heavyweight boxing master, Tessman is described as being a defensive wizard. He relies upon speed and skill and these have carried him to wins over Milo Calhoun, Von Clay, Henry Hank and Tony Montana. While Hank and Clay are not what they used to be, they can pose problems for a young fighter.

Houston heavyweight Bobby Dennard, another campus refugee, is also held in high regard by Southwestern boxing aficionados. He is a puncher and where there's a punch there's promise.

The ready availability of the Houston Astrodome for big-time boxing has proven stimulating to boxing throughout the state. Promoters Earl Gilliam in the Houston Auditorium and Sam Shimo in Beaumont, have been capitalizing on this impetus. They have been helped no little by Cokes and other favorites. Boxing interest in Texas is among the highest in the country.

Rip Randall, Tyler, Tex., is a name to remember in Texas. Killed in Vietnam in 1967, he was the only 'rated' boxer to lose his life fighting for his country.

FOSTER FEASTS ON NON-TITLE FOES

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went, was deplorable. He was suffering a shutout when Bunfa appeared in the role of the Good Samaritan.

The cards read—40-34; 40-32; and 40-31. Foster jabbed Roger to death. Bob had an advantage in height and reach. The weights were 177, even up.

To vary his attack, Foster threw an occasional hard right cross which did the Montanan utterly no good.

Just why the Rouse fight had to be non-title is difficult to dope out. Washington, seeing its own Foster as champion for the first time, was entitled to a title label, even if it could not have mattered, anyway.

IS WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION CRUMBLING?

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eavyweight throne was dropped to No. 7 ontender, a position far below Frazier's rue worth as he subsequently proved by eating decisively fighters whom the WBA ated above him), which "exposed" the WBA ratings as being subject to whim and/ r caprice coming as it did in the wake of he Clay controversy, the WBA's super- isory hold on world boxing loosened urther.

"The OBF firmly believes that forming he ratings committee as recommended erein would forestall such controversial ctuations and reestablish the WBA ratings s authoritative and fair in every sense of he word.

V. APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF WBA MEMBER COMMISSIONS TO WBA COMMITTEES

"The OBF vigorously opposes the prac- ice of appointing to WBA committees such ersons who in no way are connected with ny boxing commission of any WBA mem- er country or state, since this unsavory ractice, besides having a demoralizing ef- ect on the WBA membership, for it pre- upposes there are not enough among them ualified for committee appointments, is lso prejudicial to the WBA because *out- iders* cannot be expected to have as much nowledge and ken of boxing activities as ommission members have, not to speak of edication to and love for the sport.

"The OBF therefore insists that hence- orth, those DIRECTLY CONNECTED ith boxing commissions of WBA member ountries and/or states be given priority in ppointment as chairman and/or members f ALL committees of the WBA.

VI. CONTINUED DISCORD BETWEEN THE WBA AND THE WORLD BOXING COUNCIL

"The OBF, now cognizant of the fact— fter two years of witnessing the retrogres- ion of professional boxing—that the WBA ithout the WBC, or vice-versa, cannot ef- ectively supervise world boxing under pres- nt circumstances, strongly recommends the enewal of ties between the two organiza- ions so as to put to an end the present haotic situation brought about their uni- ateral, therefore, uncoordinated, actua- ions in the supervision of the sport.

"The OBF insists on the restitution of apport between the WBA and the WBC, delineation of each's authority, duties and bligations, and mutual respect for each ther, for the OBF believes that only hrough such an alliance can the boxing orld reasonably expect the achievement f the goal of everyone concerned who has consideration prime and foremost the nterests of the sport; supervision of pro- fessional boxing by an organization that is truly *world-wide* in scope and represen- tation.

"Gentlemen of the World Boxing Asso- ciation, the member countries of the Orien- tal Boxing Federation singly and unani- mously proffer to you a plea for a full, honest and impartial study of this protest, and further, offers in advance their apology to those who may in one way or another feel rancor and bitterness for what has been stated herein.

"It is not the intent of the Oriental Box- ing Federation to further sow dissension, and it prays such shall not be the case. But the OBF stoutly maintains that the protests aired here are valid and were arrived at only after a most careful deliberation, and that it sincerely and honestly believes that unless the WBA acts on these protests de- cisively and correctly, the WBA shall be guilty of disservice to world boxing."

The WBA first declared Paul Fujii's world junior welter title open and then, on the protest of Japan and the Oriental Federa- tion, changed its mind and gave Paul until November 14, in Tokyo, to defend his championship against Pedro Adigue, of the Philippines. Fujii has been recovering from injuries.

Jim Deskin, knowledgeable secretary of the Nevada Commission, was elected to the four-man Executive Board, an important post in the WBA.

Carlos Lopez, Panama, succeeded Des- kin as International Coordinator.

Deskin recommended Don Digilio, chair- man of the Nevada Commission, for a re- vamped Ratings Committee. Jim declined the chairmanship of that group, which is badly in need of revamping both in con- cept and policy.

Bob Evans, of Louisville, moved out as president of the WBA and Emile Bruneau, of New Orleans, was elected to the job, which carries a lot of latitude in the WBA setup.

The election set up Bruneau against Chuck Davey, who did not have the voting strength.

Joey Sangor, of Milwaukee, one of the few former fighters—Davey is another— prominent in the WBA, was named a vice president.

Abe J. Greene, Paterson, N.J., was re- elected to the position of international com- missioner.

The association picked Salt Lake City for its 1969 convention and Las Vegas for the 1970 meeting. Why Utah was selected for next year is a mystery. There is virtu- ally no boxing in that state. But such mat- ters do not bother the WBA.

BENVENUTI VICTOR IN TORONTO

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round that Hernandez complained to ref- eree Sammy Luftspring about the illegal use of the champion's thumbs around the eyes. The harder Benvenuti pressed Her- nandez the stronger the game little fighter fought back.

Rounds eight and nine saw the boxer- puncher from Trieste find the target with his left hand and his chopping right. In the 10th and final round, urged on by the large partisan crowd, Benvenuti failed to daunt the fighting spirit of Hernandez who was in there at the final bell, swapping punches with the champ. There were no knock- downs.

Referee Sammy Luftspring and judge Tony Canzano scored it 48-43, judge Jackie Johnson called it 50-43. There is little doubt that Benvenuti underestimated his prepara- tion for this bout during the week he spent in Toronto prior to the bout. Working out at the Lansdown A.C. he boxed publicly only 10 rounds with the young Toronto welterweight Clyde Gray.

Had Amaduzzi and Benvenuti given the same co-operation to the promoters, press and public that Art Noland and Hernandez gave, it would have set a new indoor record for a fight card for Canada. The latter two are welcome to appear anytime in this city. Hernandez was responsible for avoiding a fiasco.

In the semi-final a Canadian light heavy- weight match over 12 rounds saw the title change hands in the short space of 65 days. Champion Rene Durelle, Baie St. Anne (166¾) and former champ Al Sparks, Winnipeg (174½) left the fans with little to cheer about. It showed up the poor state of this division in Canada.

Durelle, at 23, is strong, that's all. His knowledge of boxing as shown in this con- test appears to be nonexistent. Flat-footed, crouching below his opponent's waistband, he swings wildly.

Sparks, with far more experience, failed to use it to his advantage. Despite the fact that Durelle suffered a deep cut over the right eye in the third round, Sparks was unable to administer any further damage.

At the end of a dreary affair the officials scored it 58-55, 56-54 and 59-57 all in favor of Sparks. The decision was unpopu- lar with the crowd due mainly to having to sit through so dismal and dreary an excuse for a title fight.

Canadian heavyweight champion George Chuvalo, 207, had little opposition from his old sparring partner Vic Brown, Buf- falo, 196¼. The opening round was a sparring session. In the second a hard left hook started the flow from Brown's nose and the end was in sight. Dropped twice in the third round by powerful hooks, Brown saved Chuvalo the job of decking him the third time when he turned his back on him and walked to his corner, implying to referee Jackie Silvers that he was through for the night. This was the first time in Chu- valo's pro career that he had not headlined the card.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending October 20, 1968

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jimmy Ellis beat Floyd Patterson, 15, WBA heavyweight title.

Manuel Ramos halted Marty Franklin four, kayoed by George Chuvalo, five. Buster Mathis decisioned Amos Lincoln, 10, Dick Wipperman, 10, kayoed James Woody, six. George Chuvalo stopped Levi Forte, two.

Oscar Bonavena outpointed Leotis Martin, 10. Alvin Lewis kayoed Bob Stallings, two. Roger Rischer beat Eduardo Corletti, 10. Mac Foster halted Tommy Fields. Boone Kirkman decisioned Bill McMurray, 10. Dave Zyglewicz beat Bob Felstein, 10. Ron Marsh stopped Billy Marsh, four, Tommy Shaffer, one.

Henry Cooper beat Karl Mildenberger, disqualified, eight, to win European heavyweight title Chuck Wepner kayoed Forest Ward, seven. Jerry Tomasetti halted Pedro Sanchez, eight. Bob Cleroux stopped Bert Perry, five, Tony Burwell, two. Ray Anderson kayoed Eddie Dembry, one. Henry Clark outpointed Jimmy Gilmore, 10 Bill Schellhas stopped Ron Reiter, one.

Johnny Featherman kayoed Richard Steele, five. Eddie Brooks beat Willie McMillan, eight. Charlie Singleton halted Willie Jones, one. Bobby Washburn kayoed James J. Johnson, one.

Bill Marquart beat Don Waldheim, four. John Gause halted Jeff Meritt, three. Wes Craven stopped Andy Nascoti, six. Duke Spears beat Nafiz Ahmed, 4. Larry Middleton decisioned Phil Smith, four.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Gregorio Peralta stopped Kutl Luedecke, four. beat Dick Hall, 10. Tom Bogs kayoed Lothar Stengel, one, to win European light heavyweight title.

Mark Tessman beat Billy Marsh, 10. Andy Kendall halted Joe Hopkins, five. Jimmy James decisioned Rocky Rivero, 10. Jimmy Dupree stopped Harry Jeter, two. Eddie Jones outpointed Chuck Leslie, 12. Levan Roundtree beat Marion Connors, 10.

Karl Zurheide halted Kenny Baker, seven. Frank DePaula kayoed Jimmy McDermott, four. McDermott stopped Augie Simmons, two. Gerald Pate beat Randy Stevens, 10. Henry Hank stopped Manny Quinney, seven. Larry Buck halted Cliff Williams, two.

Tony Lampron kayoed Tommy Foss, four. Mike Gross kayoed Dave Rogers, five. Stanford Bulla beat Ray Ayala, six.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Nino Benvenuti beat Art Hernandez, 10, non-title. Sandro Mazzinghi decisioned Levi Campbell, 10. Don Fullmer outpointed Polo Corona, 10.

Luis Rodriguez kayoed Rudy Rodriguez, four. Carlos Monzon stopped Benito Sanchez, four, beat Juan Aguilar, 10. Ferd Hernandez ou pointed Tony Valenti, 10. Shigeaki Izumi kayoed George Carter, nine. Vicente Rondon beat Benny Briscoe, 10. Harold Richardson halted Dave Beckles, two. Al Benoit outpointed Joah Hall, eight.

Pat O'Connor halted Jose Stubbs, three. George Johnson beat Wilfredo Hurst, 10. Jimmy Ramos decisioned Danny Garcia, 10. Marshall Wells kayoed Morris Crathin, one. Fred Butts decisioned Dick McCarthy, eight.

Sonny Floyd beat George Holden, six. Bob O'Brien stopped Vasal Iannucci, two. Conrad Wynters lost to Julio Cruz, four.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Percy Pugh beat Pete Toro, 10. Billy Backus halted Carlos Phillips, seven. Musashi Nakano kayoed Kazuyoshi Kubokura, two.

Herbie Lee halted Dave Ryan, three. Hedgemon Lewis decisioned Miguel Aguilar, 10, Shelly Lyons, 10. Nate Williams outpointed Benny McCorvey, 10. Roberto Amaya kayoed Don Hicks, four. Oscar Alvarado halted Cassius Green, one.

Dan McAloon beat Fred Cobb, eight. Isidro Perez decisioned Skip Yeaton, eight. Russell Boggs beat Ted Cooper, four. Vernon Mason halted Julio Novoa, eight. Les Vegas halted Andy Anderson, six.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Nicolino Loche beat Juan Aranda, 10. Adolph Pruitt halted Rudy Gonzalez, two.

Carlos Hernandez stopped Agustin Chavez, five, Lalo Moreno, five. Eugenio Espinoza kayoed Dave Wyatt, four. Ulises Botero beat Mannu Lugo, 10. Ricardo Medrano decisioned Joe Brown, 10. Alfonso Frazier outpointed Ernesto Ortega, 10.

Miguel Hernandez beat Benito Juarez, 10. Pat Murphy kayoed Juan Rueda, two. Bobby Melendez beat Mario Saurennan, eight. John Gaut halted Dave Mosby, four.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Carlos Cruz outpointed Mando Ramos, 15, retained world lightweight title.

Frankie Narvaez lost to Antonio Amaya, 10. Pedro Adigue stopped Benkei Fujikura, two. Carlos Aro drew with Adan Gomez, 10. Greg Guirre lost to Jaguar Kakizawa, 10. Tetsuo Furuyama kayoed Arthur Persley, seven.

Billy McCluskey beat Tony Cruz, eight. Johnny Bizzarro outpointed Leroy Youngblood, 10. Scooter Meza halted Lou Beccerra, one, Centavio Hernandez, eight. Arthur Persley kayoed Jenchichiro Date, 10, halted by Tetsue Furuyama, seven.

Jose Toro beat Bobby Hughes, four, lost to Bob Akerson, four. Mike Mamarelli drew with Tony Cruz, six. Roland Trottman decisioned Adolph McClendon, four.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Carlos Canete beat Baby Luis, 10. Antonio Amaya outpointed Frankie Narvaez, 10.

Ruben Navarro halted Billy Coleman, two Don Johnson decisioned Toro George, 10. Jaime Valladares kayoed Paddy Read, one. Pete Gonzalez drew with Richie Gonzalez, 10. Richard Sue halted Johnny Bermudez, four.

Len Kesey stopped Gabe Hernandez, six. Kid Petito decisioned Leo DiFiore, eight. Bobby Lee beat Bobby Hughes, six. Walter Sealey decisioned Rocky Orengo, four.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Johnny Famechon kayoed Billy McGrandle, 12 British Empire featherweight title.

Fighting Harada halted Nobuo Chiba, seven Frankie Crawford stopped Tommy Fix, one. Chamaco Ortiz halted Freddy Rengifo, four. Jose Jimenez beat Vicente Garcia, 10. Alfredo Marcano stopped Bernardo Caraballo, seven.

Shozo Saijyo beat Raul Rojas, 15, to win WBA featherweight title. Bobby Rodriguez halted Walter Swann, four, beat Vic Jimenez, 10. Sulfredo Basco stopped Kiyohide Yazudo, 10. Luis Ramirez beat Baby Cassius, 10.

Vic Jimenez won from Wayman Gray, 10. Herbert Kang kayoed Katsuo Saito, two, to win Orient featherweight title. Mike Mamarelli drew with Tony Cruz, six.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Lionel Rose beat Joe Medel, 10, non-title. Ruben Olivares kayoed Bernabe Fernandez, three Antonio Porcel, one.

Chucho Castillo halted Evan Armstrong, two Kazuyoshi Kanazawa outpointed Eli Axinto, 10 Domi Manalang beat Jose Pimentel, 10. Lee Won-Suk decisioned Tiny Palacio, O ient bantamweight title. Jose Luis Valdovinos beat Katsuro Takahashi, 10. Enrique Pinder outpointed Carlos Zayas, eight.

FLYWEIGHTS

Efren Torres beat Raton Mojica, 10. Jose Severino kayoed Mario Leon, two. Yoshiaki Matsumoto decisioned Ely Axinto, 10.

Fermin Gomez stopped Daniel Perez, two. Takeshi Nakamura drew with Ushiwakama Harada, 10. Roberto Alvarez halted Oscar Rivas three.

Heavy Foreman Features Dreary Amateur Showing of Yankees in Germany

BERLIN, Germany — Germany beat U.S.A. by 12 points to eight at the Sportpalast before a crowd of 6500. This was the Yankees' second defeat here. They had lost a previous match in Hannover by 14 points to six.

At Hannover the Germans fielded their Olympic side with nine national champions. In Berlin a "B" team was sent out with only Peter Henatsch, who lost to Juan Ruiz in Hannover, included.

The Americans brought over only 10 men for these two events within five days, and when Joe Luis Vadez fell sick a call went out to Frankfurt for a U.S.A. soldier, Clarence Hodges, to substitute. He was unlucky in having to face Hans Joachim Thierbach, who finished the affair in frame two.

At Hannover Obie English, Al Jones and Juan Ruiz appeared to be the best of this moderate team from America. All three lost in Berlin.

Inexperienced, but undefeated George Foreman, looked all set for victory in Hannover. He had decked German heavyweight champion Heinz Dieter Renz three times only to find himself disqualified for rough stuff in round three.

In Berlin he made no mistakes, stopping Peter Hussing in the first frame. The towel came in after the German had visited the canvas a second time.

THE RESULTS

Hannover: Germany, 14; U.S. 6.

Flyweight. Lothar Kannewurf (G) WPTS Ken Bazer (USA). Bantamweight. Horst Rascher (G) beat Sam Goss (USA) who was disqualified in frame two. Featherweight. Werner Ruzicka (G) WPTS George McGarvey (USA). Lightweight. Juan Ruiz (USA) beat Peter Henatsch (G) who retired with a cut eyebrow in round two. Light welterweight. Gert Puzicha (G) WPTS Jo Luis Valdez (USA). Welterweight. Dieter Kottysch (G) WPTS Eward Beauford (USA). Light middleweight Gunter Meier (G) WPTS William Beeler (USA). Middleweight. Al Jones (USA) WPTS Ewald Wicher (G). Light heavyweight. Obie English (USA) WKO3 Raymar Reimers (G). Heavyweight. Heinz Dieter Renz (G) beat George Foreman (USA) who was disqualified in round three.

Berlin: Germany, 12; U.S. 8.

Flyweight. Sam Goss (USA) WPTS Gert Schubert (G). Bantamweight. Alfred Knab (G) WPTS Ken Bazer (USA). Featherweight. George McGarvey (USA) WPTS Gunter Pfeffer (G). Lightweight. Peter Henatsch (G) WPTS Juan Ruiz (USA). Light welterweight. Gerhard Hilt (G) beat George Beauford (USA) who was disqualified in round two. Welterweight. William Beeler (USA) WPTS Peter Scheibner (G). Light middleweight. Hans Joachim Thierbach (G) beat Clarence Hodges (USA) KO 2. Middleweight. Rudi Horning (G) WKO1 over Al Jones (USA). Light Heavyweight Horst Weida (G) WPTS Obie English (USA). Heavyweight. George Foreman (USA) WKO1 Peter Hussing (G).

BOXING QUIZ

1: Which professional fighter fought the most bouts?
Ans: Abraham Hollandersky, 1,309 fights.

2: Which heavyweight set record by fighting three main events in three different arenas on one day?
Ans: Battling Levinsky, on New Year's Day, 1915.

3: Which ex-heavyweight champion holds the record for being floored?
Ans: Floyd Patterson, 17 times in title contests.

4: How many champions have received Ring Magazine gold championship belts?
Ans: 227

5: Which champion engaged in the most title fights?
Ans: Joe Louis, ex-heavyweight champ—27.

6: Who scored the most consecutive knockouts in pro boxing?
Ans: The top three: Lamar Clark, 43; Billy Fox, 43; Henry Armstrong, 27.

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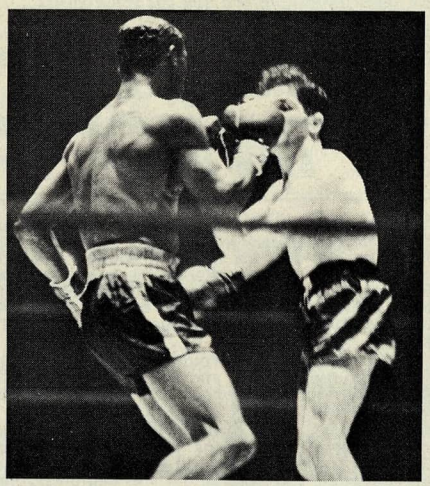

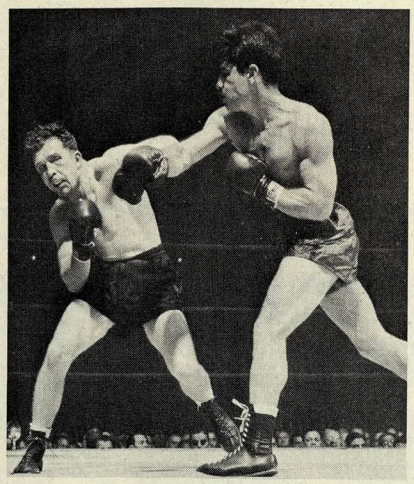

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THE CHATTER BOX

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Bruce Baldwin, president of Cloverlay, Inc., which owns heavyweight Joe Frazier, presented 20 shares of stock each to Temple University, Drexel, St. Joseph, LaSalle and Villanova . . . Ralph Ingenito, lightweight of the Thirties, is now manager of a fine New Jersey restaurant, "The Tavern on the Mall" . . . Middleweight Don Fullmer is all over TV on talk shows, trying to talk Benvenuti into a title bout . . . Former top-ranked middleweight Florentino Fernandez is training in Miami, Fla. for a comeback . . . Promoter Don Elbaum announced that Chuck Haynes, a former Detroit middleweight Golden Gloves champion, now living in Buffalo, N.Y., will make his pro debut this Fall . . . Fight manager George Chemeres just opened his new gym on Cherry Street in Seattle, Wash. . . . Las Vegas promoter Bill Miller has obtained a regional TV deal to televise his bouts to Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco on delayed tape. . .One-time top rated featherweight Richard Sue has decided to campaign as a junior lightweight . . . Sue has been having trouble making the featherweight limit . . . Light heavyweight Roger Rouse, who was stopped by champion Bob Foster, may get a return for the title if his backers come up with $100,000 . . . The contest would be held in Montana with an outside promoter . . . Rumor has it that junior welterweight Herbie Lee, Washington, D.C., will have a new pilot calling the shots in the near future.

SOME WEIRD DECISIONS

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the late departed Madison Square Garden. The first was when he relieved Dick Tiger of the title in 1966; the other two were in defenses of the laurels against Joey Archer later in '66, then in '67. All three bouts were close, but with one exception the officials credited the transplanted Virgin Islander with slim but clear margins. The lone exception was in the second Archer affair when one of the judges voted for a draw. Aside from that one dissenting voice, the bout with Tiger and the two with Archer produced unanimous verdicts by the referees and judges, but not with the assembled gatherings, whose reactions to the announcements were noisy cacophanies of jeers blending with cheers.

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CHUVALO, PATTERSON REVIVE INVOLVEMENT WITH TOP TEN

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Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, N.J., 215. Chuck scored a seven-round KO.

Ward had the benefit of Gil Clancy's handling, but the boy showed lack of punch and experience, and appears to face the necessity of starting all over again, against men of his own weight.

As for Wepner—well, he is the same old Chuck, who gave up enough claret via nose and face to stock a blood bank.

TV OR NOT TV

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2. Cleverness in avoiding punches.

3. Aggressiveness that combines effectiveness.

4. Clean hitting.

5. Clean knockdowns.

6. The physical condition of the fighters at the end of each round, and at the termination of the conflict.

In substance everything comes down to whether we believe the judgment of men trained to score a fight, and who are at the fight, or are we to take as final that which we see or believe we see on television?

'TEENAGER O'CONNOR ● HANGS KO ON STUBBS ●

By Jim Malcolm

At the age of 16 Pat O'Connor won the National Golden Gloves welterweight championship. At 18 he has won his fifth pro bout by a knockout and has become Rochester promoter Ben Sternberg's new drawing card. Jose Stubbs, Chicago, held back waiting for counter punching opportunities which came too often for Pat's good.

But halfway through round three O'Connor put combinations together and with two right hands, one to the body and one to the jaw, put Stubbs away.

Sternberg's first card in many months was interesting for local fans not only because of O'Connor but because of two Minnesota amateurs making their pro debuts. Tom Shaughnessy impressed with his knockout of Bob Crawford and Nick Castillo won a close decision against local Frank Jiminez.

The summaries:

Pat O'Connor, 161, Rochester, stopped Jose Stubbs, 159, Chicago, three. Jackie Richmond, 138, Chicago, stopped Lee Gray, 136, Winnipeg, two. Tom Shaughnessy, 149, St. Paul, stopped Bob Crawford, 142, St. Paul, 2. Lee Estes, 210, Minneapolis, TKOd Floyd Cox, 195, Chicago, four. Nick Castillo, 156, St. Paul, decisioned Frank Jimenez, Albert Lea, four.

BENOIT SNAPS HALL'S ● STRING AT BALTIMORE ●

By Joe Poodles, Sr.

Baltimore, Md.—Josh Hall, Baltimore middleweight's 10-bout victory string came to an end by an eight-round split decision at the hands of Bob Benoit, Oakham, Mass. at Steelworkers Hall.

Hall, who scaled 164½, 1½ more than Benoit, gave it his all in trying to score his ninth kayo in 11 outings by sweeping the first five rounds only to run out of gas in the last three heats.

Benoit came to life with the Baltimore fans whooping it up for the invader. Referee Tom Kelly scored it 38-37 while Judge Benny Goldstein tallied 37-36, both for Benoit. Judge Terry Moore had it 39-35 for Hall. Hall, an exciting fighter, deserved a better fate than coming up with a loss as the only effective punches landed were by the Baltimorean. Benoit's comeback in the last three rounds had the fans cheering his every effort.

Vernon Mason, 149½, Baltimore, scored an eight-round TKO over Julio Novoa, 152, New York, in a scheduled companion eight-rounder. Mason scored three knockdowns in the second round, though referee Terry Moore ruled one a slip. Novoa just did make it to the bell. Mason sent him down again with a combination of punches in the eighth. He was in bad shape when referee Moore came to his rescue.

Undefeated Washingtonian Bobby Lee won a unanimous six-round decision over Bobby Hughes, New York, in a fast-moving lightweight match. Hughes, a speedster, showed entirely too much respect for Lee by moving at a 60-mile-an-hour clip with seldom an offensive gesture.

Larry Middleton, Baltimore heavyweight, scored a four-round unanimous decision over Phil Smith, Charleston, W. Va. Middleton, making his first start in nearly two years, battered his opponent without having Smith off his feet.

JAX LOSING RIGGS TO ● ANGELO DUNDEE AT MIAMI ●

By Tom Ephrem

Jacksonville, Fla.—The break Dennis Riggs has been looking for since dropping a number of bouts may be on hand for the local middleweight from Jacksonville. Riggs is considering moving to Miami to be under the guidance of Angelo Dundee.

▶ With his right hand healed, LeRoy (Kid) Fullard of Jacksonville and Fernandina Beach is ready to resume action, according to manager Bob Harris. Fullard's re-activation seems set in New England.

▶ Jacksonville fighters recently fared none too well away from home. Dennis Riggs, after losing out in Mobile was stopped in Orlando, and Jimmy Williams, like Riggs a middleweight, took a body pounding and failed to last the distance against Gordon Lott in Savannah.

Williams, booked by Bob Harris, was in his second pro go against Lott. His initial entry into the punch-for-pay ranks saw him stopped in New England by Pete Ricitelli.

▶ Memphis manager Jack Lazarov has his junior middleweight Robert (Songbird) Williams clicking on all cylinders. Williams, a pleasing boxer-puncher is a big hit throughout the South.

▶ Morris Reeves, an amateur fighter out of Jacksonville, captured the Florida State championship to secure an Olympic tryout.

▶ Doug Weathers, from Savannah, reports a successful promotional venture which featured Gordon Lott, local hero. A new combine staged the Lott-Jimmy Williams card—Marty Fuller and Aaron Newman.

SCHELLHAS STOPS REITER ● TO EDIFY YAKIMANS ●

By Jack D. Hopkins

Yakima, Wash.—Bill Schellhas, Seattle, came out of his corner and swarmed all over Ron Reiter, Tucson. Schellhas picked up his eighth straight win as he battered his 204-pound opponent with savage body blows. A left hook to the body dropped Reiter and he barely beat the count.

Schellhas continued to bang the body. Reiter went down again, gasping for breath. When he struggled to his feet, Schellhas drove him through the ropes and referee Jimmy Riley wisely stopped the one-sided match in Round No. 1.

Light heavyweight Larry Buck, Seattle, knocked out Cliff Williams, Phoenix, in the second round with a left uppercut to the chin. It was Buck's 16th victory against one defeat.

Another Seattle heavyweight, Gary Weiler, made his pro debut impressive as he stopped Jimmy Watson, Portland, Oregon, in the third round.

Light heavyweight Farron Carlton, Yakima, and Rick Torres, Vancouver, fought four rounds to a draw.

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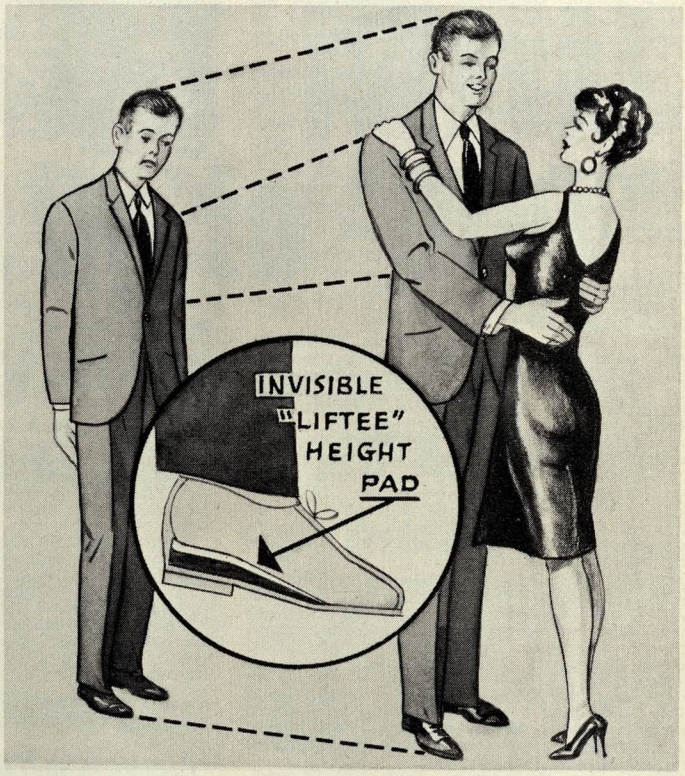

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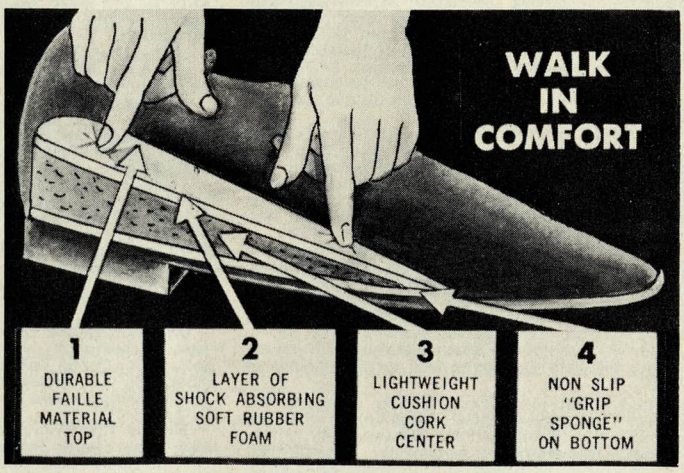

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NEW YORK'S MONTH THAT WAS

By Jersey Jones

Showing for the first time in a New York ring, Ernesto Ortega, 130, Puerto Rico, celebrated the occasion by pounding out a decision over Alphonse Frazier, 140, Panama, in a hard-fought 10 at the National Maritime Union Hall.

After several shows of comparative serenity among the spectators at the Hall, a decision prompted a wild melee when Carlos Zayas, 116, Puerto Rico, was adjudged a loser in the semi-final eight with Enrique Pindar, 120, Panama. The rumpus lasted about 25 minutes before order was restored. Fortunately, nothing more serious than a few bumps and bruises were reported.

Ray Ayala, 172½, Puerto Rico, outfought Stanford Bulla, 171¼, Brooklyn, in six, and a pair of Puerto Ricans were winners in two fours. Jose Toro, 132½, decisioning Bob Ackerson, 135, Brooklyn, and Julio Cruz, 163, finishing in front of Cyclone Wynter, 160, Brentwood, L.I.

Another fine turnout was reported, 1712 clients contributing $6138 to the box office.

▶ One of New York's top referees during the '20s, Jack O'Sullivan, who handled the Jack Dempsey-Jack Sharkey, Harry Greb-Johnny Wilson and Johnny Dundee-Eugene Criqui bouts among scores of other notable attractions, recently celebrated his 89th birthday out in Arcadia, California, where he's been living since departing from old Baghdad-on-the-Subway.

▶ Another grand oldtimer with a recent birthday was Charley Ettinger, long-time Mr. Allentown Boxing. Charley reached 81, but he's still as spry and active as he was in the days when he was one of Eastern Pennsylvania's top promoters and managers.

▶ On the first professional fight card presented in Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum, Walter Sealey, 130, Freeport, L.I., who hadn't fought since cracking a thumb four months before, returned to action to whip Rocky Orengo, 130½, Puerto Rico, in a preliminary four. Rooting for Sealey was his wife. "Naturally, I wanted to win," said the Long Islander after the bout. "But I was more concerned with my wife, who's expecting a baby at any moment. I didn't want her to come, but she comes to all my fights and refused to miss this one."

In another preliminary, Irish Pat Murphy, 141½, West New York, who's been nursed along very carefully, registered his 15th straight win by stopping substitute Juan Rueda, 141, Puerto Rico, at the end of the second. Rueda filled in for Angel Rivera, suspended because of too many defeats. He was knocked down just before the round ended and referee Paul Lind continued to count after the bell.

▶ David Beckles, 160, Trinidad, brother of the more prominent welterweight Leonard Beckles, made his New York City debut at Audubon Ballroom, but he wasn't around very long. He lasted two rounds with Harold Richardson, 160, transplanted Newarker operating out of Harlem. Richardson was entirely too fast for him. A flurry of combinations floored the West Indian toward the end of the second and he was counted out two seconds before the bell clanged.

A pair of preliminaries also had quick endings. A scheduled six finished at 1:23 of one round with Bobby Mashburn, 209, Harlem, demolishing a neighborhood rival, veteran James J. Johnson, 203, a four terminated at 1:58 of the second with Bob O'Brien. 163½, West Side, winner over Sal Iannucci, 160¾, Westbury, Conn.

A semi-final eight and a preliminary four were the only numbers to go their prescribed routes. In the semi-final, Danny McAloon, 148, Freeport, L.I., whipped Freddie Cobb, 144, Brooklyn, and in the four Joe Toro 134, Puerto Rico, won from Bobby Hughes, 135, Mobile, Ala.

The first card of the season at the Ballroom attracted 544 paying clients and gross receipts of $2310.

▶ The brilliant professional future predicted for Forrest Ward, 191year-old Brooklynite, when he annexed the Pan-American heavyweight championship last year, is apparently behind him. Undefeated in six previous pro outings with carefully selected opposition, with four wins and two draws, the Brooklynite, 195, was finally overmatched when pitted against awkward but durable Chuck Wepner, 215, Bayonne, N.J., on the all-heavyweight card in Madison Square Garden Wepner, whose record embraced a decision over Floyd Patterson's brother, Ray, was too strong, persistent and experienced for Ward, and the affair was automatically halted after the Brooklynite was dropped three times in the seventh round of a scheduled eight.

The only bout on the Garden's card to go its prescribed route was a preliminary four in which Billy Marquart, 190, Paterson, N.J., whipped Donald Waldheim, 184½, Brooklyn. Another scheduled four ended at 2:46 of the third with John Gause, 192, Reading, Pa., demolishing Jeff Merritt, 206, Macon, Ga.

PARTLOW STOPS NUNN IN FOURTH AT HUNTINGTON

By Jim Setzer

Huntington, West Va.—Boxing continues its successful comeback in this area. Boxing Action Associates, with president and promoter Mrs. Em Kuhn, promoted its third show. In the 10-round main event Huntington's Kenny Partlow, 158½, knocked out Harold Nunn, 160, Durham, N.C., in 1:46 of the fourth round. This was a tune-up for Partlow's West Virginia state middleweight title bout with Gordy Barnard, of South Charleston. The victory was Partlow's fifth in five fights, all KOs.

Fourteen amateur bouts preceded the pro fight. In the amateur main events, Kent Holbrook, 130, Ashland, Ky., won a hard-fought five-round decision over Marmet's Bill Samms, 130. It was Holbrook's third win this year over Samms, all close. Huntington's Gene Masters, 158, scored a TKO at the end of the second round over Mark Thomas, 151, of Durham. It was Master's 38th victory against four losses.

▶ At the Washington, D.C. Colosseum, West Virginia lightweight champ Bill Whittenburg, Huntington, dropped a split decision to Calvin Woodland. Whittenburg had his foe down for eight in the third round and closed his left eye in the fifth.

▶ **Huntington, West Va.**—Another action-packed card saw Mrs. Emma Lou Kuhn put on her fourth successful promotion of the year.

The main event was a scheduled 12-rounder with West Virginia middleweight champion Gordy Barnard, South Charleston, making his first defense of the crown he won last June.

Gordy had more than he could handle. Kenny Partlow, 158½, Huntington, stopped the defending champion with a TKO in 2:59 of round nine. This was only Partlow's sixth pro fight and he scored his sixth straight knockout.

Barnard was beaten in every round by a boxer who used his left jab to the best advantage.

In a four-round semi-final Marvel Hill, 167, Huntington, made his pro debut a successful one with an easy decision over Frank Beach, 177, Bidwell, Ohio. Hill was in command all the way.

CARRASCO STOPS MELISSANO IN THIRD AT BARCELONA

By Jose Alvarez

Barcelona, Spain—Bruno Melissano, lightweight champion of Italy, got a shot at the European title held by Pedro Carrasco, before 15,213 fans in the local bullring, and the EBU leader scored a knockout in the third round. It was a mismatch.

Midway through the third round the Italian held up his hand in surrender. Carrasco did all he could but Melissano was abject.

Spanish customers feel that Carrasco now is ready for real opposition and that promotions should stop feeding him setups.

Carrasco's next match is with Ollie Maki of Finland, who is well past his prime. Pedro should be proving himself against men of the stamp of Ismael Laguna and Frankie Narvaez.

Antonio Torres beat Massimo Consolatti in a welter eight. Torres was the aggressor. The Italian, a former titleholder who once defeated EBU titlist Bruno Arcari, tried to box and counterpunched to good effect. Torres, stronger and more varied in his assaults made the verdict a deserved one.

Whether Legra relinquishes his EBU feather title or defends it, he has a fresh new challenger in Manuel Calvo. The latter chopped down Lothar Abend in six grueling rounds. Lothar, German feather kingpin and a southpaw, was a man hard to nail.

By the fifth round both of Calvo's eyes were cut. The referee and a doctor conferred during the minute's rest between the fifth and sixth rounds and voted to proceed. Calvo put his man down with a left hook and a right chop. Abend arose at nine on wobbly legs, and referee Kaiser finished the war.

The contest was scheduled for 12 rounds and was considered an elimination for the EBU feather title.

In the night's finale, Spanish bantam champion Francisco Martinez stopped Pinto Second, in the eighth round.

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BOXING NEWS FROM MICHIGAN

By Elliott H. Harvith

Tommy Long, oldtime Detroit lightweight, passed away at age 69. Long lost a decision to Johnny Lewis in a prelim bout on the Dempsey-Willard 1919 championship fight card and is said to have fought over 200 battles. He was, at one time, the lightweight champion of Michigan. Long was a bartender in Detroit for more than 40 years and is buried in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

▶ Here are the results of the five-bout amateur boxing card held in Detroit at the Fairgrounds during the state fair. 125 Open, Raymond Gray, Detroit, over Doug Byra, St. Johns—132 Open, Albert Hughes, Detroit, over Sherman Eaton, Detroit—165 Open, Al Jones, Detroit's 165-pound National AAU champion over Pat Pohl, of St. Johns—160 Senior Novice, Joe Romero, Detroit, over Rocky Johnson, Highland Park—145 Junior Novice, Sterling Hamilton, Detroit, over Merritt Tacket, Wyandotte.

▶ Lou Jallos, a top-notch lightweight during the 1930s who fought Lou Ambers, Barney Ross and Chino Alvarez among others, is now working as a guard for the Ford Motor Company. Lou is a member of VBA #32 and rarely misses a meeting.

▶ George Sutka, Detroit heavyweight of the 1930s, is now a police sergeant for Wyandotte Michigan's finest. George's brother, Joe, who fought as a middleweight in the 1930s is a judge in Wyandotte. Both of these gentlemen are members of VBA #32.

▶ At Indianapolis, Henry Hank of Detroit stopped Manny Quinney of that city at the 1:23 mark of round seven.

▶ Pop Andy Brown's fighter, Rufus Brassell, razzle-dazzled Al Banks into submission in five rounds at Houston.

▶ At St. Louis, Don Cobbs, 156, St. Louis, stopped Doug McLeod, 153, Grand Rapids, on a TKO at the 2:20 mark of round six.

AMATEUR BOXING ADDED TO OHIO STATE FAIR

By John McCafferty

Akron, Ohio—Something new was added to the Ohio State Fair program this year. For the first time amateur boxing played a big part in the entertainment. A total of 81 boxers gave the fans their money's worth.

Thurman Holliday, Columbus, pulled off a big upset by beating National champ Roy Dale, Cincinnati, in the 165-pound class.

Ronnie Harris from Canton, National G.G. and A.A.U. 132-pound champ breezed through the Olympic trials in Toledo. He will be the first Canton boxer to appear in the Olympics. Ronnie is a skillful boxer who would have a brilliant professional career. However, Ron has no plans in that direction. He will pursue his studies in medicine.

▶ Marion Conner promoted his own show in Canton recently. He appeared in the main event against Marty Franklin (Earl Averette) Marty is a Canton native who does his fighting out of California.

It was quite a week for both boxers. They appeared before the student assembly of McKinley High School of which they are alumni.

Sept. 12 was proclaimed Marion Conner Day in Canton by the mayor.

BOXING IN ECUADOR

By Bruno Stornaiolo

Quito—Ecuadorean junior lightweight champion Jaime Valladares, 128, did not have to expend much effort in disposing of Paddy "Pasqquale" Read, 130, Providence, R.I., who was victim of a KO in 2½ minutes of the first round after four visits to the canvas.

Eugenio Espinoza 142, Ecuador, scored a TKO over Davey Wat, 143, U.S.A., in four rounds.

Ramiro "Clay" Bolaños, 134, scored a third-round TKO over Hugo "Toby" Muñoz, 134. Both are Ecuadoreans. In another preliminary, local featherweights César Taco and Oswaldo Dávalos fought a draw in six.

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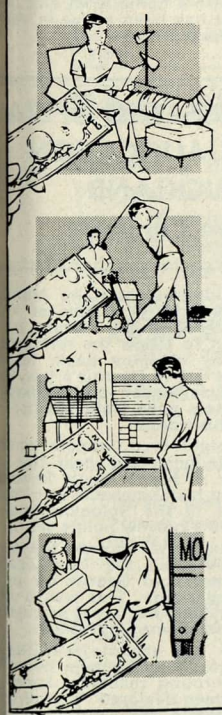

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LEITE WINS BRAZILIAN ● WELTER TITLE BY KO ●

By Eric Armit

Sao Paulo, Brazil—Recent months in South American rings have been busy, with champions and top-ranked contenders in the action.

▶ Edmundo Leite won the Brazilian welter crown here, stopping Nelson Gomez in the 11th round.

▶ The following day, in Rio de Janeiro, Philson Gomes won the Brazilian feather title by stopping Ray De Jesus in the ninth round. It was only the second defeat for Ray in 37 fights.

▶ In Sao Paulo Jose Henrique defeated British lightweight Maurice Cullen in 10 rounds and Brazil's junior middleweight champion, Santiago Fernandez, stopped Osvaldo Amaral in the fourth. On the same card Miguel de Olivera defeated Alvacir Dorisi in a middleweight contest and bantam Antonio Barbosa beat Jorge Periera in four.

▶ Sao Paulo was the scene of an action-packed card when cruiserweight Luis Cezar stopped Luis Cespedes in four and welter Nestor Pires drew in five with Euclides Queiros. Lightweight Jovino Rodriguez stopped Joe Evangelista in two and Luis Pires outpointed Roosevelt Eddie in 10 rounds, in the other bouts.

On September 6 at Sao Paulo, Jose Severino of Brazil, stopped Mario De Leon, Colombia flyweight, in the second round.

▶ In Peru Carlos Montoya, lightweight, defeated Luis Rivera in six and heavyweight Carlos Bazan defeated Alberto Del Carpio in six. The Peruvian welterweight champion Carlos Chavez stopped Emilio Gonzales in the ninth round. Chavez then traveled to Buenos Aires where he was stopped in the fifth round by Ramon La Cruz.

▶ In Santiago, Chile, middleweights Sergio Torres stopped Juan Ibarra in four. Luis Olivares was kayoed in the first round by Antonio Antimil.

In a welter bout, Pedro Parra and Robert Quijano drew in eight. Santiago's star, Godfrey Stevens won in 10 over Paraguian Kid Pascualito.

▶ The following night at Curcio, light heavy champion of Chile, Mario Loayza, beat Guillermo Salinas in 10.

▶ That same night, in Valdiva, Alberto Jaramillo defeated Nelson Carrasco in 10 and Ricardo Barentos stopped Patricio Diaz.

▶ Valparaiso was the scene of three excellent cards. In lightweight contests, Mario Molina stopped Brazilian Moises Barbosa, and Moises Fernandez stopped Fernandez Hernandez, each in the third round.

▶ The following week, veteran middleweight Domingo Rubio outpointed Argentinian Angel Osuna in 10 rounds. On the same card Luis Rodriguez drew in eight with Moises Fernandez.

▶ One week later in the same city, Chilean bantam king Jose Barcia beat Franklin Casmano in 10. Lightweight Mario Molina drew with Antonio Romero.

▶ At Bariloche, former Chilean champion Manuel Hernandez drew with Hector Cordoba, Argentina, in a middleweight bout of 10 rounds.

▶ At Valparaiso, Mario Molina followed his disappointing performance against Romero, with a kayo at the hands of former Argentinian featherweight title holder, Jorge Ramos, in the third round.

▶ At Santiago, Godfrey Stevens defended his South American featherweight crown successfully by stopping Argentinian Jose Smecca in the seventh round. It was his fifth successful defense in 15 months.

FULLMER BAFFLES CORONA ● IN EASY FIGHT AT PHOENIX ●

By Al Fenn

Phoenix, Ariz.—Don Fullmer won a decision here over Polo Corona in 10 rounds. Fullmer, 161, who it appears will fight Nino Benvenuti for the title, used all his skill, taking no chances. Corona, 160, Mexico, likes to mix it and was frustrated trying to get to the clever Fullmer.

In the eight-round semi-main, Sergio Felix, 154, Mexico, decisioned Johnny Pad Ila, 153, Salt Lake. Felix, yet a teen, has considerable skill.

Art "Golden Boy" Alderete, National Golden Gloves finalist, 160, Phoenix, scored his fifth win, fourth by knockout, over Dave Rubio, Mexico. Alderete dropped Rubio moments after the opening bell, then finished off his foe in 2:06 of the first.

Frank Rodriguez, 119, decisioned Gabby Espinoza, 116, in four.

DUNLOP SCORES HANDILY ● OVER ARGENTINE MENNO ●

By Ray Mitchell

Sydney, Australia—Australian and Empire light heavyweight champion Bob Dunlop, coming in at his heaviest weight, 186, was far too good for Italian-based Argentinian, Jose Menno, 183, at Melbourne Festival Hall. Despite being loaded with flu, Dunlop won eight of the 10 rounds, and drew in the other two—the first and the ninth.

On the same card Arthur Thomas, 135, outpointed Duke Rowlands, 133; Trevor "Stretch" Anderson, 164, drew with Bob Murdoch, 167. Both contests over six rounds.

▶ In Brisbane Festival Hall, former Australian heavyweight champion Fred Casey, 183, fought a draw with Menno, 190, over 10. This was one of the most exciting bouts seen in Brisbane in some time.

▶ Australia's entry in the world featherweight stakes, Johnny Famechon, 125¼, had no trouble in defending his Empire title against Canadian Billy McGrandle, 122½, at Melbourne Festival Hall. Famechon treated the affair as a workout. He decked McGrandle in the fourth round and again in the 12th. McGrandle was floundering when referee Terry Reilly saved him in that round. The bout was billed for 15.

▶ At Brisbane, Filipino Alberto Reyes, 121, was too classy for former Australian bantam champion Noel Kunde, 120, and won clearly on points over 10.

▶ At the same venue, Jimmy Bell, 124, a Scot based in Melbourne, outpointed Alberto Reyes, 124, over 10. Bell, contender for Famechon's Australian title, was too fast and clever.

▶ Sydney Leagues clubs have staged some good bouts, as usual. At South Sydney Leagues Club, Redfern, Arthur Thomas, 135, Melbourne, outpointed Domenico Scalco, 135, now of Sydney, over 10.

▶ John Batty, 125½, showed too much class for Max Hogan, 128, referee Jimmy Carruthers calling a halt in the fifth round in the club.

▶ Also at Redfern, Dick Blair, 164, knocked out Les Dixon, 156, in the sixth round. Dixon, who comes from the N.S.W. country, was having his first bout in Sydney in several years. He showed toughness and aggression.

▶ At North Sydney, Brian Larsen, 146, and Aub Phillips, 150, continued their series, with Larsen gaining a points decision. This was their fifth meetin, the other four resulting in draws.

▶ At Brookvale, a Sydney suburb, John Wright, 145, outpointed Brian Larsen, 143.

▶ Fast-rising Queensland junior lightweight Con Russell, coming in at 131, outpointed Freddie Wicks, 131, in an exciting 10 at Gympie, Queensland.

▶ On HSV Channel 7 TV studios, South Melbourne, Bobby Daldy, 126¾, stopped Ted Bonner, Queensland, 128, in the fourth round, due to a cut eye.

▶ Mick Canavan, 161, stopped Queenslander Mike Gordon, 156, in the fourth round.

▶ At Port Moresby, New Guinea, American bantam Ray Perez, who has been living in Australia for some years, stopped Laurie Finney, Sydney, in the eighth round.

GRAND RAPIDS HOMETOWN ● FANS SEE MATHIS AND VICK ●

By Leonard LaBarre

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Buster Mathis returned home to box an exihibition before hometown fans. Buster put on a show with Eddie Vick, with the proceeds going to "Task Force" to promote college scholarships. Buster, weighing a trim 222½, boxed six rounds with his Rochester, N.Y. assistant.

The preliminary bouts were all amateur. Leonard Hutchins, National A.A.U. and National G.G. champion for 1968, fought twice. Al Hughes, Detroit, scored a TKO win over John Williams, Detroit, in the third round, in the 135-pound division. In the 178-pound class, Hutchins decisioned John Brown, Detroit, in three rounds.

Raymond Ray, Detroit, decisioned Ricky Lane, Detroit, in the 130-pound class, and Tommy Towland, Detroit, decisioned Sherman Eaton, Detroit, in the 139-pound class.

In the semi-final bout of the evening, Hutchins beat Tommy Amann, also via decision in three rounds.

ALONG THE V.B.A. TRAIL ● (President, Ring 1, Philadelphia

By Tony Morgano

Replacing the late Jack Larkin is not the simplest task conceivable. During his three years President of the National Veteran Boxers Association, Jack did a tremendous job in bouncing around the landscape, helping to organize new Rings, and keeping in close touch with all activities in the national association.

This year's convention, held at the Bradford Hotel in Boston, with Ring 4 as host, was one of the most exciting yet staged. The Boston crowd is a real hustling outfit, and left no stones unturned in scheduling the busy program.

Among the many innovations on the program was a new award designated as the Alfred E. Thompson Memorial Trophy, which was given posthumously to Larkin for his outstanding work as President of the Association. The Thompson Trophy is part of a general campaign to offset as much as possible, some unfavorable publicity boxing has received in recent years through mass media—newspapers, radio and television—which has given the public the impression that boxing is infested with hoodlums, and that fighters usually wind up broke and physical wrecks. Very little is said about boxers who go on from the ring to become prominent and successful in later business ventures—boxers like the late Jack Root, Tommy Gibbons and scores of others.

Thompson, a Marine veteran of World War I, was originally out of Cincinnati, but after the war he parked himself in Philadelphia, worked his way through the University of Pennsylvania and subsequently became an outstanding personality in the mercantile world, as executive vice president and general manager of the Miller & Rhodes department store chain in Virginia and two years as president of the National Retail Merchants Association, embracing 10,000 department stores, mail-order houses and novelty shops throughout the U.S., with a couple of hundred branches in other lands, and doing a gross annual business of $20 billion. Thompson also was one of the founders and the first president of Ring 1, Philadelphia.

The Thompson Trophy was suggested by an old Marine buddy of Al's, Jersey Jones, president of Ring 9 (Bergen and Passaic counties, N.J.).

Larkin's widow, Nellie, who has been active in the N.V.B.A.'s Ladies Auxiliary, received the Thompson Trophy. Mrs Thompson was present at the awarding.

The new president of Ring 23 (Lehigh Valley, Pa.) is Jack Saurina, of Bethlehem, elected to the post when Joe (Pep) Barone died. Saurina, a noted amateur and collegiate ringman, and currently one of the top referees on the staff of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission is a popular personality in his home town and neighboring Allentown, and has been active in various youth programs in the Valley.

MAHUNGA LOSES TO OPETAIA BY DISQUALIFICATION ● IN AUCKLAND

By Dave Cameron

Auckland, N.Z.—Middleweight Kahu Mahunga was disqualified against Billy Opetaia at YMCA Stadium. With a four-round KO victory in his grasp, Mahunga failed to follow the referee's instructions to break by stepping back. Instead he crashed a powerful left to Opetaia's jaw, dropping him to the canvas, dazed and unlikely to beat a 10 count. Opetaia gave Mahunga the second hardest fight of his career.

▶ Auckland middleweight Fred Taupola traveled to Noumea, New Caledonia, and beat the Australian Jim Ryan by a fourth-round knockout. Earl Nikora, continuing his comeback, also fought in Noumea, and lost to the Solomon Islander Dick Blair. Blair scored a narrow points win in 10.

▶ For the second time in two months the American Don Johnson defeated the New Zealand featherweight champion Toro George on points over 10 rounds at Wellington. This was a close match with George staging his usual grandstand finish. Johnson created a fine impression.

▶ A contest here for the vacant New Zealand middleweight crown saw Fred Taupola beat Billy Opetaia by an eighth-round technical knockout. This might well have been declared "No-Contest." For seven rounds Taupola and Opetaia ignored warnings from the referee to get fighting. Opetaia was decked for an eight count in the seventh. When he was again dropped at the start of the eighth the referee awarded the match to Taupola.

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GILLIS, ART HAFEY VICTORS IN ● HOT GOING IN MARITIMES ●

By Fred Bishop

New Glasgow, N.S.—Experience paid off for Les Gillis, 129, New Waterford, N.S. as he held off a determined Vic Smith, 126, Halifax, through the first nine rounds of a scheduled 12. Gillis, shooting from the port side, built up a big lead but the hard-hitting Smith came back in the last three with an all-out attack that had Gillis reeling.

Try as he would he could not land the big one. The decision was unanimous for Gillis.

In the semi-final, Canadian flyweight champion Alex Martin, 118, Trenton, was upset in a slugfest by Art Hafey, 115, Westville, N.S. Fighting his second pro bout after an impressive career in the amateurs, Hafey attacked relentlessly to take a split decision.

Larry James, 155, Thorburn, fought a rough four to outpoint Freddie Jackson, 155, New Glasgow.

Tiger Jackson, 130, New Glasgow, hung a third-round kayo on Young Sponagle, 129, New Glasgow, while Eddie Phalen, 136, Trenton, beat Ernie Bigney, 130, Abercrombie, N.S.

▶ At Halifax, Kevin Hogan, 197, Dartmouth, N.S. added another victim to a fast growing list as Jimmy Christopher, 195, Detroit, let himself be punched from pillar to post. Christopher could have done better. There were no knockdowns and the decision for Hogan was unanimous.

The semi-final six was a fast-punching affair with Stewart Gray, 163, Windsor, N.S. forcing Manny Freitas, 160, Boston, to call it quits at the end of the third.

In fours, Clarence Johnson, 154, Preston, N.S. took Bruce Jackson, 152, Halifax, and Jerry Smith, 122, Yarmouth, outpointed Richie Clyke, 128, Truro, N.S.

▶ **New Glasgow, N.S.**—Lawrence Hafey, 136, Westville, fed a soft touch for his first 10-rounder and then made the most of it by taking a runaway decision over ring rusty Benny 'Red' Randall, 135, Sydney, N.S. Randall tried hard but could not hold off the rough local boy Hafey had Randall on the canvas twice, for eight counts, in the first and seventh.

In a six-round semi-final, Gary MacNeil, 133, New Glasgow, outpunched Tiger Jackson, 130, New Glasgow, scoring one knockdown, good for an eight count.

In fours, Bobby Hayman, 114, New Glasgow, was tagged with a vicious right and was counted out at the 2:58 mark of the first by Art Hafey, 115, Westville. Art, a younger brother of Lawrence, had a fine amateur career and has run his pro record to a draw, a win and this kayo.

Ernie Bigney, 133, Abercrombie, N.S., took a unanimous decision over Young Sponagle, 133, New Glasgow, in the opener.

VEGAS FIGHTS FAIL TO LURE ● HUGHES OUT OF HIDING ●

By Harley Drummond

▶ **Las Vegas, Nev.—The last Summer show at the Silver Slipper maintained the undistinguished line of matchmaking which has stood out here all season. The time has come to import some worthwhile talent. Maybe a good fight would lure even Howard Hughes out of his hideaway.**

The recent 10 between Edmond Parrette, 171½, Vegas, and Dick Hall, 175½, Boston, was called a draw. Nobody got hurted and nobody called names.

In the six semi, Johnny Wise, 160, Los Angeles, got the decision over Steve Gutierrez, 156, Henderson, Nev. Nobody got hurted and nobody called names.

A five-round brawl resulted in a draw between Larry Keplar, 157, Vegas, and Charley Jefferson, 153, Phoenix. Nobody got hurted and nobody called names.

The opening affair between Ron Hardison, 134, Vegas, and Jim Simon, 132½, Phoenix, resulted in a disqualification. Simon got thrown out of the ring in the second heat and was suspended indefinitely, subject to a Commission hearing.

This unsatisfactory mess got Simon called names.

▶ There was a good junior welter fight, with a surprise ending, the night Benito Juarez lost a split decision in a 10 to Miguel Hernandez, San Jose. Juarez had taken a string of six-rounders and was favored to win over the 30-minute route. Benny McCorbey, San Jose heavy, beat Jerry Weakland, former Vegas High football star, in a six.

Monk Smith, 148, Norfolk, lost in six to Armand Lourenco. Ronald Hardison, Henderson, 136, lost to Ismael Rivera, 139, Los Angeles, in a five-rounder, Rivera rallying from a knockdown.

Ferd Hernandez, 163, Vegas, won a 10-rounder from Tony Valenti, 160, Boston, in another Slipper card.

Laverne Williams, Phoenix heavy, 190, was stopped in two by Gary Bates, local 189-pounder.

Ismael Rivera, 139½, L.A., and Tony Porter, 136, Phoenix, went five to a draw.

Tony Alderete, 164½, Phoenix, pounded out a 15-minute decision over Johnny Wise, 163½, San Diego.

▶ A later card at the Silver Slipper produced something locally extraordinary—a complete program of fights which went their scheduled distances.

Miguel Hernandez, 141, San Jose, outpointed Benito Juarez, 140½, Vegas, in 10; Ben McCorvey, 156, San Jose, decisioned Jerry Weakland, 159½, Vegas, in six; Armand Lourenco, 150, Vegas, beat Monk Smith, 148, Norfolk, Va., in six, and Ismael Rivera, 139, Los Angeles, got the better of Ron Hardison, 136, Vegas, in a five.

▶ Moving into the Fall season, the Silver Slipper put on a card in which Nate Williams, 151, Vegas, outpointed Ben McCorvey, 149½, San Jose, in a 10.

Gary Bates, 191, Vegas, stopped Vic Scott, 192, L.A., in the fourth.

Armand Lourenco, local standby at 150, beat Charley Clark, 150, San Jose.

Ron Hardison, 133, Vegas, scored a fifth-round TKO over Manuel Serrano, 130, San Jose.

Taking it by and large, the card was uninspired and hardly conducive to good appetite.

OLQUIN, LIMAS SCORE AS BOXING RETURNS TO ● ALBUQUERQUE ●

By Jim Cleary

Albuquerque, New Mexico — Boxing returned here after an absence of two years, with indications that there is a new demand for the sport.

The comeback card saw Joey Olguin, local lightweight, 132, a returnee himself, stop Nick Estrella Sanchez, 134, Mexico, in 2:47 of the fourth round.

Joey Abuelo Limas, longtime favorite of local fans, stopped Dick "Bye Bye" Flores, in 2:48 of the fourth round.

Limas, who is a grandfather, refused to let the semi-final go the scheduled eight rounds.

Olquin showed a fine left, and his right was not to be ignored, either.

More than 3000 customers packed the Civic Auditorium and encouraged Paul Chavez and Paul Phillips to plan bigger fights.

Filimon Olguin, in his pro debut, scored a two-round TKO over Manuel Pizarro, Tucson.

Everado Acosta, 137, Tucson, knocked out Jess Gurule, 133, Santa Fe, in two heats.

NEW ORLEANS FANS SEE ● THEIR HEROES DISMANTLED ●

By Ike Morales

New Orleans, La.—Last June, Pete Toro, New York Puerto Rican, scored a split 10-round decision over Percy Pugh, of New Orleans. The verdict was greeted with jeers and cheers as Pugh's nine-bout winning streak was halted.

Almost three months later, Pugh won a 10-round split decision over Toro. But, as in the first meeting, the verdict was questionable, and once again mingled boos and cheers were heard.

They now may meet over the 15-round route with the winner in line for a welterweight championship contest.

Despite rains throughout the day and night, Toro and Pugh lured $15,000 worth of customers into the auditorium.

Several of the rounds were so close that there was little to choose. Referee Lucien Joubert scored it 6-5-1 for Pugh; judge Eddie Brown called it 8-3-1 for Pugh, and judge Pete Giarrusso voted for Toro, 8-2-2.

It was a close bout with Pugh dominating the early going with superior boxing while Toro came on at the end and kept the pressure on the local boy. Toro weighed 148½ to 147 for Pugh.

Toro scored the only knockdown in the seventh round, dropping Pugh with a hard right over the heart.

Pugh was staggered by a right in the second and came back with a right which stopped Toro in his tracks. It was that kind of fight.

Al Franklin, 168, New Orleans, scored a third-round TKO over Roger Watkins, 156, New Orleans. It was scheduled for six.

James Breaux, Beaumont, and Harold Brown, 148, Rockdale, Tex., battled to a wild-swinging four-round draw.

In a sixer, Al Jackson, 146½, New Orleans, dropped Allen Moten, 148, Beaumont, twice in each round and scored a kayo in 1:47 of the second.

▶ Once the idol of local fistiana, Jerry Pellegrini continued his skid when he was the victim of a one-round knockout by Toro in Municipal Auditorium. It was Jerry's fourth loss in five 1968 ring engagements.

The sudden reverse is hard to explain. Pellegrini has lost his zip. A few of his losses were closely contested, some questionable.

Pellegrini started the 1968 season with a 10-round setback by Pugh on March 3. On April 13 Jerry stopped Doug McLeod in three rounds at Monroe, La. On July 1, Johnny Brooks decisioned Pellegrini in 10. Then came the Billy Backus affair on July 29 which saw Jerry lose a hair-line decision. The Toro setback came on August 26.

Toro and Pellegrini each weighed 147 pounds. It took Pete only 1:20 of the opening round to finish off the local welterweight. Toro decked Jerry with a swift right early in the round. Jerry jumped up, but was groggy and prey for the hard-punching Toro.

"He caught me cold," said Jerry after the fight. "I was really ready tonight, but things happened so fast."

There were 2529 paying customers, who contributed to a $9709 gate.

Joe Burns, 180, survived three knockdowns before gaining a ninth-round technical knockout over A. J. Staples, 174½, St. Louis. The victory was 16 in a row for the unbeaten Burns.

It was Burns' toughest fight. Burns was in trouble from the opening round when Staples felled him with a right to the jaw. The bout was stopped by Staples' own corner when a nasty severe cut over A. J.'s left eye kept getting worse after each round.

The opening fight was a short one. Referee Maxie Docusen stopped it in 1:41 of the first round, awarding it to Sherman Robinson, 140½, Bastrop, La., over Richard Doty, 141, New Orleans, after Robinson had decked Doty twice.

Clyde Washington, 136, New Orleans, gained a TKO over Percy Roussell, 133, New Orleans, in 1:41 of the fourth round.

Bennie McCall, featherweight, gained a third-round TKO over Cuervo Salinas of Mexico City in 1:22. The scheduled 10 rounder was staged at Corpus Christi, Tex., and was the second victory for McCall over his veteran opponent. McCall, 125, New Orleans, now boasts of a 7-2 pro mark.

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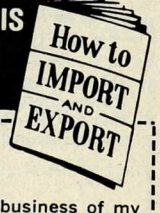

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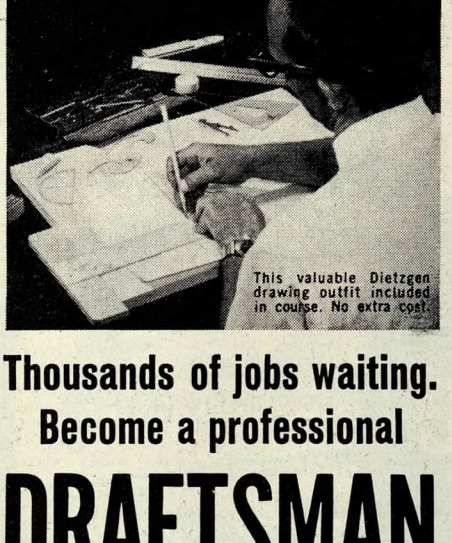

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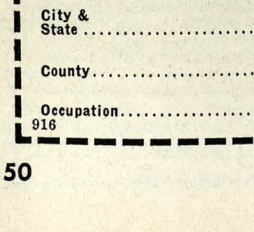

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BESANDE NEW FEATHER ● CHAMPION OF PHILIPPINES ●

By Felipe J. C. Galang

Manila, Philippines—Flash Besande, 126, became the new featherweight champion of the Philippines by a 12-round unanimous decision over Francisco Balug, the ex-champion, at Cebu Coliseum. Balug hit the deck in the third round and received the mandatory eight-count. It was a hard-earned title for the Flash, who sported a split lip and bleeding right cheek as mementos.

▶ Johnny Centina, 118, and Lito Famor, 117, drew in 10 in Davao City. It was a bitter bout from the start. Both were floored and received the mandatory eight count. The decision was well received.

Starlight Kid, 112, did not have a hard time in disposing of Lito Palar, 111, in the fifth round. Yongco, 110, drew with Dory Verzano, 111, in 10. Flash Benny, 115, stopped Manuel Ibanez, 116, in three. Fred Caballero, 114, bested Romulo Silaya, 115, in six. Ben Daling, 110, whipped Andy Cortez, 112, in six.

▶ Fil Inotelleza, 130, kayoed Nel de Joya, 128, in the sixth in Besa Arena. Virgilio Cuizon, 121, beat Frederick Bautista, 119, in four. Joe Malonzo, 118, decisioned Bert Santillan, 117, in six. Mar Cutillon, 131, stopped Luisito Ramos, 136, in two.

▶ Rocky Macapili, 111, halted Ernie Jayme, 110, in the seventh round at Besa. The referee stopped the fight when Jayme's eye was bleeding profusely.

Willie del Prado, 125, defeated Fil Ramos, 126, via the TKO route in the fifth round when del Prado suffered a cut by accidental butting. Al Castillo, 125, beat Little Gallego, 125, in six. Jose Dinamo, 109, decisioned Frank Bazarte, 111, in six. Mar Basa, 126, kayoed Rey Sison, 124, in three.

▶ Larry Flaviano, 140, junior welterweight champion of the Philippines. easily defeated Jessie Cortez, 140, in 12 in Cauayan, Isabela. It was only a workout for the champion. Al Fuentes, 140, stopped Rudy Perocho, 144, in the ninth.

▶ Erbito Salavarria, 107, regained the flyweight championship by beating Ric Magrama, 110, in a 12-round bout in Araneta Coliseum. The last four rounds by Erbito caught the eyes of the judges. Lito Manes, 124, won over Ernie Cruz, 122, in 10 rounds. Buddy Boy, 112, won over Rene Boy, in another 10.

Ricardo Bermisa, 130, used his advantages in height, reach and speed to beat Bonnie Norcos, 132, in 10 rounds. Jun Maristela, 122, received an unpopular decision over Kid Durante, 119, in eight rounds. David Asuncion, 106, defeated Andy Banzon, 111, in eight. Felipe Diaz, 116, stopped Roger Vega, 115, in three. Val Rivera, 127, halted Jaime Alampay, 128, in three. Rocky Argamacilla, 128, and Bonnie Cruz, 126, drew in six.

▶ Flory Kid, 121, defeated Little Brazal, 124, in eight rounds at Besas. Sid Gallas, 125, decisioned Leonardo Pablo, 124, in eight. Al Andit, 109, bested Paul Bigno, 106, in six. Francis Mabuhay, 110, whipped Delfin Onday, 110, in another six. Al Rosario, 112, halted Salvador Factoranan, 112, in three. Note the 125-pound limit of the card.

▶ Flash Entero, 118, lost to Nich Menchavez, 117, in 10 rounds in Davao City. Entero was winning all the rounds when he suffered leg cramps. He could no longer stand or walk. The decision was given to the underdog Menchavez as a TKO. Lito Famor, 124, knocked out Kid Lozada, 125, in six. Billy Dizon easily kayoed Fighting Satur in 10. Both flyweights.

▶ Rudy Gonzales, 138, won easily over Munchai Mungkutpetch, 138, Thailand, in 10 rounds at Araneta Coliseum. Munchai was the toughest boxer yet seen in Manila. He refused to go down. He was bleeding from a smashed nose but was still smiling after the bout.

Sakdinoi E.T.C., 112, Thailand, defeated Rudy Somodio, 111, in 10 rounds. The Thailander was too clever for the Filipino. Raymundo Rivera, 133, knocked down Freddie Hinton, 132, twice for the mandatory eight count but could not keep him down for good. Raymundo won the 10.

Carlos Delima, 130, whipped Leo Villagracia, 128, in another 10. Rocky Macapili, 111, defeated Cris Avila, 112, in eight. Joe Gullen, 112, outpointed Ceferino Abejo, 112, in six. Kid Barrios, 124, halted Rudy Balbuena, 126, in four. Nestor Arididon, 124, stopped Juanito Cruz, 125, in three.

▶ Joe Ibanez, 108, bested Francisco Amano, 112, in eight rounds at Besa. Ysmael Francisco, 112, decisioned Leo Lanaca, 110, in eight. Billy Cangas, 124, bested Ricky Gayuna, 124, in six. Max Tolentino, 116, and Antonio Diaz, 117, drew in six. Dommy Custado 126, beat Bersamin Pascual, 129, in six. Ben Arturo, 121, won over Marcial Salonga, 119, in six.

▶ Al Diaz, 115, halted Rollie Penaroya, 116, in the eighth round at Araneta. Penaroya, who looked impressive on the Pacific Coast, became a novice before a third-ranking flyweight of the Philippines. The 7000 fans were disappointed. Rollie had a busted nose and his left eye was closed before the referee stopped the one-sided bout.

Rene Boy, 111, halted Roberto Froilan, 112, in four of the semi-final. Art Eracho, 122, won over Sulfredo Basco, 121, in 10. Bonnie Norcos, 130, knocked out Resty Boniquit, 131, in two. Marcial Macatangay, 123, and Greg Cruz drew in eight. Ernie Jayme, 109, whipped Noel Morales, 112, in eight. Joe Gillen, 112, beat Art Maxilom, 112, in six. Joe Pitalbo, 108, kayoed Rollie Cruz, 110, in four. Jun Abega, 122, stopped Dave Tomiares, 121, in two.

▶ Jimmy Noel, 130, became the new junior lightweight champion when he easily defeated Orlando Medina, 130, in 12 rounds in Rizal Coliseum. Noel was downed and received the mandatory eight count in the third round, but as the fight progressed, Noel was the master of his older rival.

Vil Tumulak, 125, kayoed Ricky Valencia, 123, in the tenth. Valencia visited the floor twice then the referee came to his rescue. Flash Gallego, 129, won over Nel de Joya. 129, in 10. Alberto Reyes, 116. bested Tom Rico, 116, in a one-sided 10-rounder. Fernando Lumacad, 112, drew with Cris Avila, 112, in 10.

Jose Guelos, 109, stopped Joe Romano, 110, in five. Fil Ramos, 125. decisioned Kid Ramirez, 126 in six. Tomas Arididon, 122, kayoed Manuel Villegas, 121, in two.

▶ Tony Jumao-as, 126, created a big surprise for his townmates when he badly defeated Tomas Barrera, 125, Manila, in 10 rounds in Davao City. Barrera, who was regarded as a knockout puncher, was surprised when he found himself on the floor receiving the mandatory eight in the eighth round.

Nene Jun, 123, beat Cherry Montano, 125, in the supporting 10. Johnny Centina, 127, decisioned Jimmy Sabandal, 129. in eight. Starlight Kid, 119. toyed with Johnny Abgon 122. in eight. Wennie Radin. 114. bested Eddie Tucuff, 115, in six. Andy Cortes, 112, drew with Ben Daling, 110, in six.

▶ Viv Guevara, 101, halted Tommy Suela, 108, in the second in Besa Arena. Guevara downed Suela twice before the referee interfered. Felipe Diaz, 117, bested Joe Malonzo, 118. in six. Ric Nakasime. 111, outpointed Rogelio Velas. 111, in six. Joe Guelos, 108. whipped Ped Buctnell, 107, in six. Rod Sario 114. outpointed Ernie Espinosa, 116. in six. Joe Dinamo, 110, decisioned Frank Babarte, 108, in six.

▶ Alberto Cruz, 138, beat Ruben Arididon, 143, in seven rounds when the referee stopped the fight due to accidental butting, with Ruben receiving a cut over his left eye. Cruz was beating Ruben badly before the accident. Rocky Macapili, 108. bested Numer Midello. 111. in eight rounds. Al Andit. 109, decisioned Virgilio Luna, 105. in six. Rocky Constantino, 116, kayoed Virgilio Galang in the second.

▶ Mas Mar Yuzon 128. defeated Rogelio Tulonghari, 128, in 10 rounds in Cavite City. Little Brazala. 128. decisioned Domingo Ilanga, 126, in 10. Daniel Pilar. 120, bested Paul Bigno, 118, in eight. Ray Embarna. 115. defeated Manny Irinco. 116 in eight. Deo Abellar. 114, outpunched Rodolfo Cawaling. 115. in six. Montemayro Jr., 112, whipped Hernane Cruz, 111, in six.

▶ Catalino Flores, 112, and David Asuncion, 112, drew in a four-rounder which was scheduled for eight at Besas. Asuncion received a deep cut in an accidental head collision and was unable to continue. Nestor Arididon. 125. stopped Bernardo Manny. 121. in four. Kid Barrios, 128, defeated Little Gallego, 127, in six.

▶ Nene Jun, 118. halted Ricardo Espinosa, 118, in the sixth in Davao City. Tony Jumao-as, 124, and Roy Amolong, 125, drew in four. The referee stopped the bout when Amolong suffered a deep cut by accidental butting. The bout was scheduled for 10.

Jame Pitalbo. 112. had a technical draw with Kid Clavilaz, 112, in the fifth. The Kid suffered a cut caused by an accidental butt. Flash Entero, 119, lost to Young Carpenter, 120, in the ninth due to a cut.

▶ Pedro Cerio, 106, defeated Joe Ibanez, 109, in eight rounds at Besas. Cerio was bleeding over his right eye but he won through aggressiveness. Antonio Gallaron. 129. halted Fil Villagonza, 128, in five. Sid Galias, 125, bested Willy Cagas, 123, in six.

▶ Hernane Cruz, 107. decisioned Erdy Ilagan, 106, in six. Francisco Bazarte, 107, stopped Reynaldo Bienas. 104, in one. Gil Cuizon, 118, KO'd Leo Brazil 120, in one.

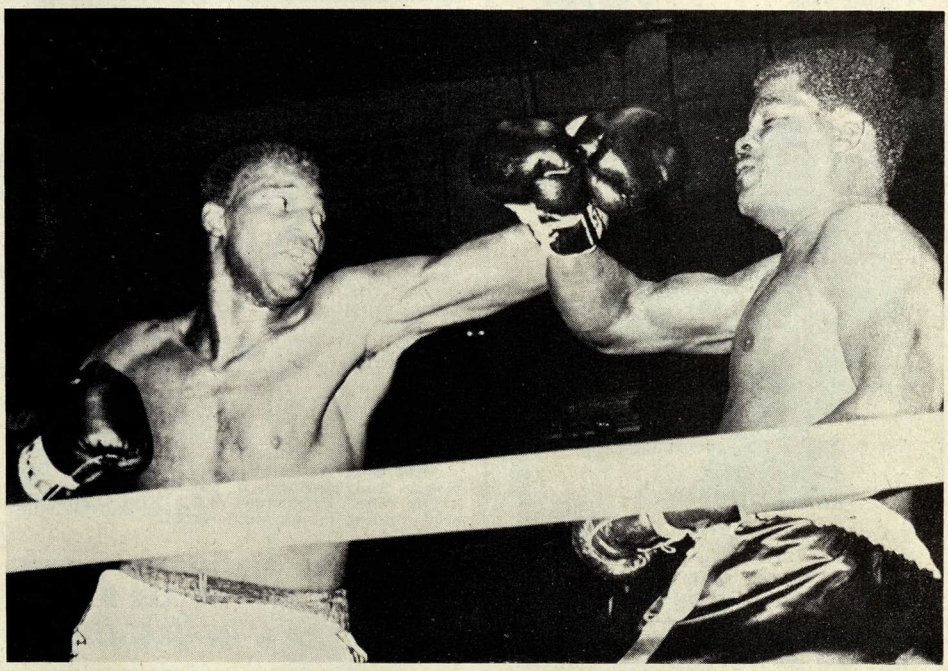
▶ Rene Barrientos. 131, won the decision over Antonio Amaya. 130. Panama, in 10 rounds at Araneta. The 17.000 crowd booed the decision against the visitor.

Raymond Rivera, 134. halted Arthur "Speed" Fuego, 136, in five. James Skelton. 125. kayoed Johnny Clavilaz, 126, in 10. Rene Boy, 110, beat Francisco Amano, 112, in 10.

▶ Cherry Montano, 122, kayoed Gabby Campo, 121, in the second round at Besas. Loreto Perez, 115, beat Billy Brown, 115, in eight.

ROSE THROWS FF KNOCKDOWN TO TRIUMPH VER MEDEL

By DON FRASER



Buster Mathis (left) bounces a hard left off the head of Amos (Big Train) Lincoln in the first round of their Olympic Auditorium bout. Mathis won a split 10-round decision. The referee and one judge voted for Buster, while the other judge called Lincoln the winner.

OS Angeles, Cal—Lionel Rose, 120½, one of the few to capture a world title in his teens, recovered from a ockdown in the seventh round to coast to decision over the veteran Mexican banweight campaigner, Jose Medel, 120, at e Forum.

A crowd of 14,245 was on hand and ey coughed up $142,139 for promoter eorge Parnassus' second offering in Jack nt Cooke's 16 million dollar sports lace.

Rose got off to a fast start and deposited edel on the floor in the fourth. The muslar Aborigine continued to keep Medel balance with a lightning left jab and a ong right hand.

Known as the owner of a dangerous left ok, the 29-year-old Mexican finally ded one midway in the seventh and wn went the bantam champ. Rose shook s off and went on to dominate the fight the final rounds.

The scoring of referee George Latka rprised Rose and his manager, Jackie nnie. Latka came up with a 6-6 tally, ile judges Dick Young and Lee Grossn tabbed Lionel, 7-2 and 8-3 respecely.

In co-features, Mexico's two leading banns, Chucho Castillo and Ruben Olivares, re easy winners.

Castillo, 121, needed only two rounds to ase Scotland's Evan Armstrong, 122, to ver. Armstrong was down after 1 minute seconds of the first from a perfect leftht combination.

A long Castillo left sent the Scot sprawl into the ropes in the second. Following mandatory eight count, referee Grossn watched Armstrong take a beating, n stopped it after 1 minute, 56 seconds.

Olivares, 119½, was all over Bernabe rnandez, of the Philippines, for three rounds. Referee Dick Young halted it halfway through the third. Fernandez weighed 120. Though he was outclassed, the Filipino fought his heart out and wouldn't take a knockdown.

► Big Buster Mathis had little trouble defeating Amos (Big Train) Lincoln at the Olympic but he was far from impressive. Buster was a 7-1 favorite.

A solid left hand carried Mathis to his 26th victory against one loss. There were no official knockdowns, though most of the press and crowd, and even Lincoln, thought he was decked at the end of the fourth.

Trimmed down to 220½, Mathis was just too fast for the plodding veteran with the large heart. The only real damage inflicted by Buster came when he floored Big Train at the finish of the fourth.

The scoring was once again the topic of the post-fight conversation. Judge Joe Olmos came up with a 5-4 margin for Lincoln, but he was overruled by referee Dick Young (9-1) and judge George Latka, who gave Mathis a clean sweep of 11-0. Lincoln weighed in at 209½.

Unbeaten East Sider Ruben Navarro, 133½, blitzed Irsh Billy Coleman, 133, midway in the second heat. Coleman was down in the first and twice hit the boards in the second.

Referee John Thomas didn't bother to count following the second knockdown.

Frankie Flores, 127½, Los Angeles, KO (3) over Ron Ciniseros, 127½, Los Angeles; Felix Corral, 135, Tijuana, KO (2) over Rick Rodgers, 135, Long Beach.

► **San Diego**—Hedgmon Lewis, 148, Detroit, had to travel 10 rounds to nose out Shelly Lyons, 148, Los Angeles, at the Circle Arts. This was Lewis' first effort since getting KOd by Ernie (Red) Lopez in Los Angeles.

Bobby Rodriguez, 128, Los Angeles, continued in the unbeaten class, taking a 10 from Victor Jiminez, 127, Tijuana, Mexico.

► **Ventura**—Ulises Botero, 138, Santa Barbara, scrambled to a 10-round decision over club fighting Manny Lugo, 138, Sinaloa, Mexico, at the Fairgrounds.

Fraser Scott, 156, Seattle, took the measure of Tommy Pierce, 160, Los Angeles, in the six-round semifinal.

► **Los Angeles**—The Olympic Auditorium has seen some astounding upsets over the years, but the Johnny Featherman knockout over Dick Steele ranks with the best.

Steele, hometown favorite with the KO wallop, was 10-1 over Featherman, who has seen better days in the ring. It was also 5-1 that the Arizona veteran wouldn't last five rounds.

There were no knockdowns. One punch, in the second, ruined Jackie McCoy's prospect, who had seven straight KO wins. A right hand under the heart broke one of Steele's ribs.

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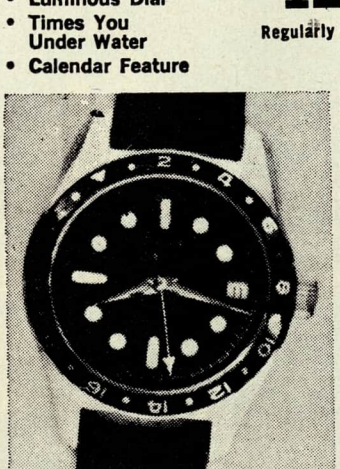

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KIRKMAN'S LAYOFF OVER, ● TURNS OUT NO BARGAIN ●

By Jack D. Hopkins

Seattle, Wash.—Boone Kirkman, who hadn't fought for six months, tried desperately to put the coup de grace on huge Bill McMurray of Sacramento, but he found his opponent too elusive and crafty. From the opening bell Kirkman swarmed all over McCurray, throwing deadly hooks to the body. But his cagey foe used a peek-a-boo style which baffled Kirkman and had him arm weary as early as the third round.

When Kirkman's arms tired, he would move back but whenever he took a breather McMurray would throw short hooks and stinging jabs to the face.

After a few rounds, Kirkman's face looked like raw hamburger as McMurray's jabs opened cuts over both optics. In the 10th round Kirkman, sensing that the fight was fairly close, got his second wind and had McMurray holding on and obviously hurt.

Judge Clay Nixon gave the fight to Kirkman 100-94. Judge Sam Heller called it 98-93 and referee Jimmy Rondeau scored it for Boone 98-95.

Wes Craven, 187, TKOd Andy Nascoti, 201, Portland, in the sixth and final round.

Duke Spears, 210, Tacoma, decisioned Nafiz Ahmed, 209, Vancouver, B.C., in a four-rounder.

Mike Gross, 167, Missoula, Mont., TKOd Dave Rogers 162, Portland, in the fifth round.

Les Vegas, Vancouver, B.C., TKOd Andy Anderson, Seattle, in the sixth round.

WALTERS AND SEYLER BATTLE ● TO DRAW IN OREGON ●

By Ruggles Larson

Eugene, Ore.—Charley Walters, Oakland, held Mike Seyler, 156, Springfield, Ore., to a 10 round draw here. The middleweights rocked each other repeatedly.

Several northwest fighters saw action elsewhere. Billy McGrandle, Edmonton, was stopped in the 12th round of a scheduled 15, by Johnny Famechon in Australia. Andy Kendall from Scappose, Ore., TKOd Joe Hopkins at Las Vegas in the seventh round. Fraser Scott, Seattle, has moved his ring headquarters to Ventura, Calif.

HOUSTON SEES MANNY STOP ● ROBERTS IN FIFTH ROUND ●

By Harlan Haas

Houston, Texas—Manuel Gonzalez outboxed tall Leroy Roberts, Norristown, Pa., for four rounds, dropped him for a nine count in the fifth and then put him away a few moments later with a smashing left hook, and a right to the whiskers. Roberts, a policeman by trade, gave all he had but found the elusive Gonzalez far too quick and much too sharp. Manny weighed 149¾, Roberts 153¾.

Bobby Dennard, 183, Houston and Pasadena stopped veteran Joe Murphy (Mustang) Gordwin 205¾, Houston, in the fourth round. Dennard, a Houston policeman, was winning the fight handily enough, but wasn't able to drop the rugged campaigner, and had to settle for a TKO in the fourth. Gordwin turned to the referee to complain about Dennard hitting on the break, and the former "Teenage Kayo King" blasted him with a powerful right hand shot to the chin. Dennard then rushed in for the kill, but Earl Keel raised Dennard's hand. It was Dennard's 15th win in 18 fights, 13th by knockout.

Billy Strother, 155, Houston, and Jimmy Price, 155, Lake Charles, battled furiously. Strother outgunned the Louisiana slugger, and stopped him in the third. Kenny Weldon, 126, Houston, hammered out a four-round decision over Lou Brock, 123¼, Houston, to stay unbeaten.

▶ **San Antonio, Tex.**—Manuel Ramos, high ranking heavyweight from Mexico, received a rousing welcome here and delighted the fans by scoring a knockout over Marty Franklin (Earl Averette) Los Angeles, in the fourth round. Ramos weighed 209. Franklin 186.

Willis Earls, 189, Austin, stopped Eddie Land, 189, Los Angeles, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Land had gone the distance with Jerry Quarry. Ray (Windmill) White, 181, Los Angeles, gained a 10-round decision over veteran Sonny Moore, 199, Dallas. Terry Krueger, 182, San Antonio's Golden Glove champ, stopped veteran Sherman Goodman, 203, Houston, in the fourth round.

Benny McCall, 125, New Orleans, scored a three-round TKO over Mexico's Evaristo Salinas, 126. Gil De Los Santos, 152, Corpus Christi, who seems to be regaining the form he showed before a lengthy layoff, stopped Gilbert Martinez, 160, San Antonio, in round two. Arthur Cuellar, 132, Corpus Christi, hammered out a four-round decision over Juan (Lefty) Perez, 136, Corpus Christi, who has been around for a good many years. Lawrence Brown, 141, Victoria, stopped Rudy Keith, 145, Victoria, in the third round.

▶ **Beaumont, Tex.**—Paul Patin, 167½, Pasadena, southpawed his way to a six-round kayo of Tony Montano, 172½, Phoenix. Ruben Perez, 147, iced Ronald Minnieweather, 148, in one round. Ellis McKinley, 185, did likewise to Ronald Hinckman, 164½. Charlie Mata, 137, starched Richard Doaty, 138, in the second.

▶ **Houston, Tex.**—Mark Tessman, Ring's third ranking light heavy, has breezed to six straight victories this year. He's one of the most masterful boxers to come out of Texas. He'd welcome a shot at Dick Tiger. The 21-year-old University of Houston student's rapier-like left and fancy footwork may carry him all the way to the world title.

Steve Freeman is about ready to resume his ring career, which was interrupted by Uncle Sam's call to duty. Steve returned from Vietnam in July and has been preparing for his return.

▶ At Beaumont, Tessman was too fancy for aggressive Billy Marsh, Henderson, Nevada. A snappy left jab kept Marsh off balance all night and when he did start something, a short right hand was unerring. Tessman weighed 174½, Marsh 170.

Marshall Wells, 152, Houston, dropped Mort Crathin, 150, Port Arthur, for nine and when he got up Wells decked him for the full count. Wells has returned to the ring after several years' absence. He lost to Willie Warren in his comeback debut. Before going on the shelf he gave Curt Cokes, Manny Gonzalez, and Gaspar (Indian) Ortega all they wanted and then some.

John Armstrong, 135, Port Arthur, used his height and reach to good advantage in whacking out a four-round decision over stocky Jesse Alaniz, 138, Houston.

▶ Cleve (Big Cat) Williams is making a whale of a comeback. He has flattened Roy Crear, Mike Bruce, and Les Borden in one-round affairs and easily decisioned Jean-Claude Roy, a rugged lefthander. He is in the best of condition, and relaxed. Cleve is making rapid strides back to a spot among the Top Ten, and seems to be more popular now than ever before.

Tod Herring is working as an insulator, and attends the fights regularly. Only six losses as a pro and none to humpty dumpties—Floyd Patterson, Tony Alongi, Zora Folley, Cleve Williams, Alonzo Johnson, and Elmer Rush.

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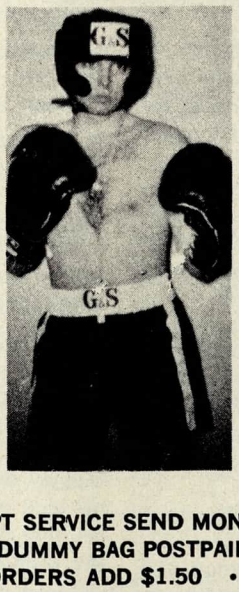

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Eye Cut Epidemic Rages; McCormick Stops Henderson

By JOHNNY SHARPE

ONDON, England—Cut eyes, the bugbear of boxing, produced a blood bath when John "Young" McCormack, British cruiserweight champion and John Hendrickson, t in what was to have been a 10-rounder. McCormack won four.

Early in the first round a clash of heads saw Hendrickson erge with a cut on the right eyebrow, but this did not deter n from mixing it with the forceful Irishman.

The second round was a humdinger, as they swapped punches, t there was another clash of heads.

Referee Bill Williams told the participants that he would not erate their headwork.

Hendrickson let fly some useful right-handed punches to the ad in the third and opened a cut on McCormack's eyebrow.

They continued to battle in the fourth, with little between em. Then another clash of heads. Hendrickson suffered a cut elid and another wound on his right cheekbone. World Boxing ub members were calling for the referee to stop it. Hendrick- n then retired and McCormack was declared the winner.

McCormack scaled 174 to Hendrickson's 176¾.

Pat McCormack, Brixton, 140, a younger brother of the ampion, punched too hard for Lloyd Wallace, Jamaica, 142½, d after the latter had taken several counts, the referee called alt in the first round.

Bunny Johnson, Birmingham, 179, de- ted George Dulaire, Deptford, 190, in sixth. Johnson showed good potential.

Gareth Howells, Wales, 121, outpointed nny McNorthey, Ghana, 121½, in six.

nglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester— n Rudkin, British and Empire bantamweight mpion, 120½, won The Courage Champion- p, when he defeated Billy Brown, Philippines, ½, in an interesting 10.

udkin won beyond all doubt, by 50 to 47½, he came near defeat when he emerged from inch in the fourth with a severe cut on the eye.

t looked all over when referee Wally Thom nt over to his corner at the end of the round, he allowed the bout to continue.

udkin came out for the fifth still hampered the cut. Boxing at long range he picked his ches with ease, keeping Brown at the end of nappy left.

s the bout continued, Rudkin was drawn into ing a two-handed battle at close quarters. Try he would, Brown made no impact on the mpion.

n the last three rounds Brown was on the eiving end against Rudkin whose face was ed smear.

n the last round Alan stormed into Brown both hands. It was only a formality for m to declare Rudkin the winner.

unny Sterling, Jamaica, 158, stopped south- Jim Swords, Manchester, 161, in 1:10 of first round.

terling got off to a quick start with two left ks to the body and a right to the head. When m tried to pry them apart, he saw that rds was in no condition to continue. He pped it.

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YOUNG McCORMACK

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(UP TO OCTOBER 20, 1968)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)
2. George Chuvalo (C)
3. Jack Bodell (E)
4. Brian London (E)
5. Carl Gizzi (W)
6. Billy Walker (E)
7. Billy Gray (E)
8. Roy Enifer (E)
9. Roger Tighe (E)
10. Rocky Campbell (G)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
1. Dick Tiger (B)
2. Bob Dunlop (A)
3. Eddie Avoth (W)
4. Young McCormack (E)
5. John Hendrickson (BWI)
6. Leweni Waqa (Fi)
7. Dickie Owens (E)
8. Milo Calhoun (J)
9. Roy Thurger (A)
10. Bunny Johnson (E)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Johnny Pritchett (E)
2. Les McAteer (E)
3. Wally Swift (E)
4. Johnny Kramer (E)
5. Harry Scott (E)
6. Lionel Ifill (Gu)
7. Gomeo Brennan (B)
8. Bunny Sterling (J)
9. Ron Beekin (A)
10. Fred Taupola (NZ)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Ralph Charles (E)
2. Lennox Beckles (Gu)
3. Pat Dwyer (E)
4. Chuck Henderson (E)
5. Joey Durelle (C)
6. Obletty Commey (G)
7. Castors Abbey (G)
8. Johnny Cooke (E)
9. Peter Coblah (G)
10. Peter Cragg (E)

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Maurice Cullen (E)
2. Des Rea (I)
3. Vic Andreetti (E)
4. Lex Hunter (J)
5. Don McMillan (S)
6. Malcolm McKenzie (S)
7. Liam Clark (I)
8. Mick Laud (E)
9. Bryn Lewis (W)
10. Don Davis (J)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Percy Hayles (J)
3. Ray Adigun (N)
4. Bunny Grant (J)
5. Toro George (NZ)
6. Jim McCormack (I)
7. Al White (E)
8. Arthur Bradley (A)
9. Winston Laud (E)
10. Willie Rea (I)

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Jimmy Anderson (E)
2. Love Alottey (G)
3. Jimmy Revie (E)
4. Brian Cartwright (E)
5. George O'Neill (E)
6. Bobby Fisher (S)
7. Bobby Dalby (A)
8. Terry Ball (A)
9. Colin Lake (E)
10. Len Gillis (C)

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1. Johnny Famechon (A)
2. Howard Winstone (W)
3. John O'Brien (S)
4. Toro George (NZ)
5. Billy McGrandle (C)
6. Reg Gullifer (E)
7. Ken Cooper (E)
8. Sean McCafferty (I)
9. Monte Laud (E)
10. Gerry McBride (E)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
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2. Walter McGowan (S)
3. Evan Armstrong (S)
4. Glyn Davies (W)
5. Johnny Clark (E)
6. Brian Packer (E)
7. Patrick Mambwe (Z)
8. Bob Alottey (G)
9. Johnny Fitzgerald (E)
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1. Walter McGowan (S)
2. John McCluskey (S)
3. Tony Barlow (E)
4. George Hind (S)
5. Tony Williams (W)
6. Kid Miller (Z)
7. Bill Amos (Z)

Legend: A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; IN India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; NZ New Zealand; S Scotland; SA South Africa; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

JAPAN WONDERS IF IT ● STILL IS A WBA MEMBER ●

By Joe Y. Koizumi

Tokyo, Japan—The Japan Boxing Commission as well as leading boxing adherents here are anxious about the future of Japan as a boxing organization because the JBC was forced to obey the WBA's decisions. It is not clear whether Japan still is a member of the WBA.

At first Paul Fujii, world junior welterweight champion, took back his retirement, which was announced owing to whiplash injuries he suffered in an auto accident last year. The hard-hitting U.S. citizen now living in Japan was scheduled to meet Filipino Pedro Adigue for his throne on August 29. The title contest later was postponed for three months.

The WBA in Pittsburgh decided to strip Fujii of the crown because the injured champion did not make a defense against its top contender, Nicolino Loche, of Argentina.

Kotai Kikuchi, secretary general of the JBC, and Yoshio Yoshimura, manager of Fujii, agreed that Paul, most popular attraction in Japan, will face Loche in Tokyo, not later than Nov. 15. The WBA then reinstated Fujii.

▶ Undefeated Ruben Navarro's incessant jabbing and fast footwork were a big nuisance to Hiroshi Kobayashi, world junior lightweight boss, who lost an upset split decision to the 22-year-old U.C. newcomer in a nontitle 10-rounder at Korakuen Hall here.

The upset winner hit the beam at 130¼ to Hiroshi's 131½.

They fought on even terms for eight rounds In the last two sessions Navarro scored with right uppercuts to the chin and managed to cop a majority verdict.

Referee Tezaki saw the contest a draw, 48-48. Judges Morita and Pope voted 49-47 and 49-48, respectively in favor of the newcomer. The writer scored 48-46 for Navarro.

▶ Jaguar Kakizawa, 132¾, turned the tables with a seventh round TKO over Sebastiano Nascimento, 132¼, a Brazilian southpaw, in their 10-round rematch at Korakuen Hall. Jaguar pressed the action gamely and was ahead on points when the 30-year-old Brazilian was halted by a cut over the eyebrow.

▶ Rough Rokuro Ishiyama, 129¾, was wobbly several times as he took solid uppercuts, but barely won a close nod from Arthur Persley, 130, of the Philippines, at Korakuen Hall in 10.

In the third Ishi decked the old soldier, 44, with left uppercuts to the chin. Persley displayed his orthodox skills but became exhausted. Why use an ancient?

▶ Hard-punching prospect Kuniaki Shibata, 130, was held to a disputed technical draw by Meriken Mori, 128¼, in the third canto at Korakuen Hall. The 1800 fans, most of whom had expected Shibata to score a KO, were surprised by Mori's violent attack in the second. Meriken nailed the speedster against the ropes with an incessant body bombardment. In the third Shibata bled profusely from the gash over the left eye and then the referee declared a draw, not a TKO

Because of the decision a riot almost happened, for a TKO in favor of Mori should have been awarded.

▶ National middleweight leader Hajime Fuji, 161, one-sidedly lost to Juarez Lima, 160, from Brazil, at Korakuen Hall in 10.

The Brazilian veteran battered Hajime at will, winning nine of 10 rounds by wide margins.

▶ Oriental welterweight champion Musashi Nakano, 146¾, kept his crown as he won from Kazuyoshi Kubokura, 142½, boss of Japan, via a third-round TKO in a scheduled 12-rounder at Korakuen Hall. The 2300 fans were disappointed at the stoppage, which was caused by a bad gash on the loser's right eyebrow.

▶ Elongated speedster Noriyasu Yoshimura, fast and scrappy all the way, demolished Muneo Mizoguchi, national junior middleweight boss, in the eighth at Sky Hall, Yokohama. It was non-title. They scaled 155 each. The tall fellows traded sharp and wicked blows toe-to-toe. Chiefly because of ring rust from a long layoff Muneo was annoyed by his foe's quick combinations and fast moves. Some chopping rights sank the champ on one knee for counts.

▶ Kenshichiro Date, a lightweight, outpointed Norio Endo at Korakuen Hall in 10.

▶ A double event, which drew 3000 fans at Gifu Gymnasium, ended with two disappointing and monotonous draws.

Takeshi Nakamura, at 116¼, Orient flyweight ruler, was held to a draw by Ushiwakamaru Harade, 118, in a tenner.

Lefty Masataka Uno, 121½, again proved he was an easy bleeder and had a technical draw with Kiichi Tsuganezawa, 121¾, in four.

▶ Pedro Adigue, weighing 145½, Philippine Orient lightweight champion, who was originally scheduled to meet Paul Fujii for the world junior welterweight throne, easily finished a substitute named Benkei Fujikura, 147, in two rounds at Korakuen.

Adigue's impressive showing met general applause here. Well-trained Pedro was powerful and game. His wicked rights dropped his heavier and bigger opponent twice and out.

▶ Unbeaten prospect Kenji Iwata, junior lightweight, made it 12 in a row when he beat veteran lefty Sumio Nobata in a hot 10-round brawl at Korakuen.

Although Iwata received some strong counter blows he never retreated but battered Nobata all the way.

Kazumichi Hayashi upset Hitoshi Shudo, hard-punching Shinjin-o winner, on points in a supporting eight.

▶ The golden card drew 4000 spectators at Sanno. Former world bantamweight ruler Fighting Harada, 127, shot strong left uppercuts to the stomach of Nobuo Chiba, 126½, national feather kingpin, and flattened his taller opponent in the seventh. Chiba was fast and sharp in comparison with the ill-conditioned Harada. who moved slowly and took Chiba's right crosses time and again. Chiba collapsed. with his back on the canvas, from Harada's furious bombardment.

▶ Filipino veteran Arthur Persley, 133½, kayoed Kenshichiro Date, 132½, in the 10th at Korakuen Hall. Some 700 fans saw the unbelievable trick done by the 44-year-old soldier

▶ Yoshiaki Matsumoto, 110¼, continuously plastered the body of Filipino Ely Axinto, 112, and was a unanimous points winner in 10 rounds at Korakuen.

▶ Former world flyweight titlist Hiroyuki Ebihara suffered a right hand fracture in an auto accident in Tokyo. The southpaw puncher will be inactive again at least three months.

▶ The Japan Boxing Commission gave strict warnings to Akihisa Someya. lightweight champion of Japan, stopped by Filipino Greg Guirre in the eighth.

Somaya was fined 30.000 Yen ($84.40) apparently on suspicion. Little enough punishment.

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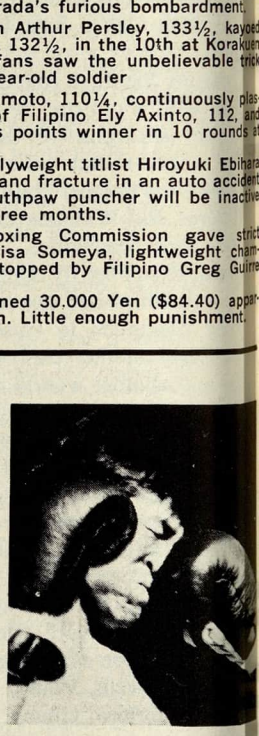

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

By J. A. TREE

BERLIN, Germany—Fighting Mack's victory over European welterweight champion Carmelo Bossi, Italy, overshadowed anything else that happened in Continental rings recently. There was plenty of action and there were many surprises.

Lothar Stengel made a voluntary defense against Denmark's middleweight star, Tom Bogs, in Copenhagen and the European light heavyweight crown changed hands in the first round.

WBA heavyweight champion Jimmy Ellis was declared the winner over Floyd Patterson in Stockholm.

Bruno Arcari, Italy's European light welterweight king, retained his crown, stopping Britain's challenger, Des Rea, in the fifth.

In Barcelona, lightweight champion of Europe, Pedro Carrasco, stopped Italian Primo Mellissano in the third.

National title fights were plentiful, too. Italy Silvano Bertini, welterweight, drew with Domenico Tiberia; Romano Fabbi, light welterweight, stopped Bruno De Pace; Nevio Carbi, featherweight, decisioned Renato Galli and Constantino Fiori. In Spain, Miguel Velazquez, lightweight, beat Manuel Carvajal and Tony Ortiz, welterweight, lost his crown to Jose Gonzales Gonzalez.

The death of two Frenchmen, Marcel Cerdan and Francois Pavilla came as a shock. Cerdan was 64 and had been ill for some time. Injuries suffered in two car accidents brought about his death. Pavilla, 31, died of a heart attack while undergoing a minor eye operation in a Paris clinic.

Edwin Arthur, better known as Fighting Mack, created the sensation of the year by dethroning Carmelo Bossi, at Ligano Sabbiardoro, Italy. The French Boxing Board, a member of the European Boxing Union, put forward Mack as its challenger. France named Francois Pavilla, who died of a heart attack recently, and Italy's choice was Silvano Bertini. The nine members of the board met to decide which of these should face the champion, but each fighter drew three votes in favor. The president of the EBU, Dr. Gil Garcia had the final word and gave his vote to Bertini.

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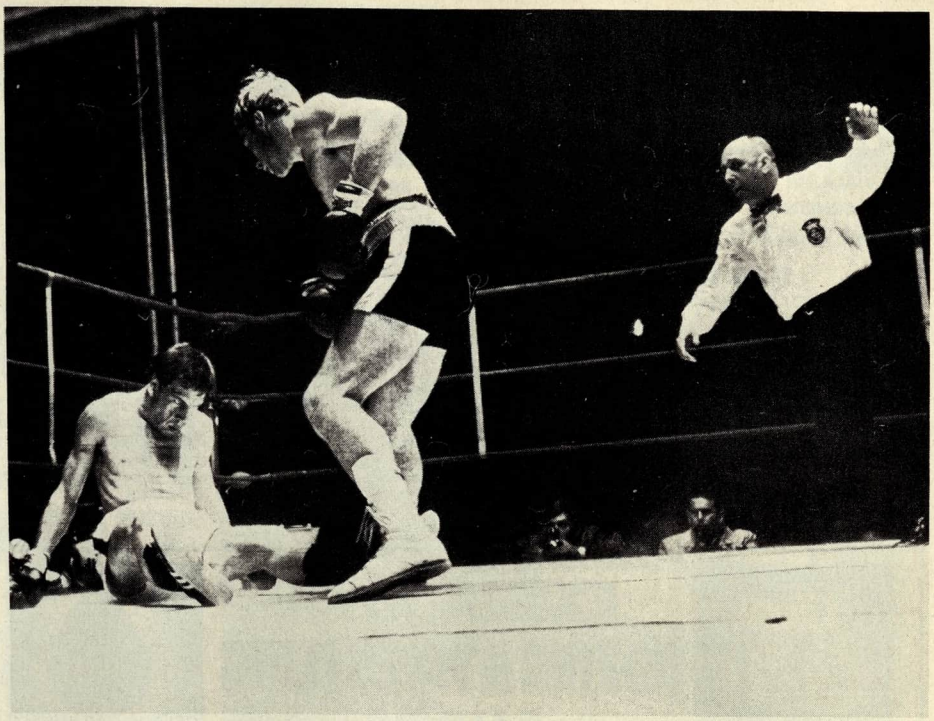

Germany's Lothar Stengel goes down for the third time in the first round at Copenhagen as referee Fernando Perotti is about to rish in and halt matters, awarding the bout and the European light heavyweight title to Tom Bogs of Denmark at 2:42.

BOGS GRABS SPOTLIGHT WITH ONE ROUND KO OF STENGEL

EUROPEAN RATINGS

(UP TO OCTOBER 20, 1968)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*1. Henry Cooper (E)
2. Karl Mildenberger (G)
3. Piero Tomasoni (I)
4. Jürgen Blin (G)
5. Gerhard Zech (G)
6. Dante Cane (I)
7. Peter Weiland (G)
8. Giulio Saraudi (I)
9. Bernard Thebault (F)
10. Bepi Ross (I)

LIGHT HEAVIES
*1. Tom Bogs (D)
2. Piero del Papa (I)
3. Lothar Stengel (G)
4. Giovanni Biancardi (I)
5. Alfred Vogrig (I)
6. Vittorio Saraudi (I)
7. Harry Kneipp (G)
8. Guerriro Scattolin (I)
9. Bernard Quellier (F)
10. Cosime (Bruno (F)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*1. Carlos Duran (I)
2. Jacques Marty (F)
3. Pasco de Benedetto (F)
4. Karo Brunnhölzl (G)
5. Horst Wieczorek (G)
6. Heinz Dieter Schwartz (G)
7. Luis Folledo (S)
8. Mario Lamagra (I)
9. Yolande Leveque (F)
10. Peter Marklewitz (A)

LIGHT MIDDLES
Title Vacant
1. Sandro Mazzinghi (I)
2. Remo Golfarini (I)
3. Jo Gonzales (F)
4. Bo Pettersen (Sw)
5. Fabio Bettini (F)
6. Jean Baptiste Rolland (F)
7. Luigi Petruno (I)
8. Gerhard Piaskowy (G)
9. Jean Claude Bouttier (F)
10. Francisco Ferri (S)

WELTERWEIGHTS
*1. Fighting Mack (H)
2. Carmelo Bossi (I)
3. Marcel Cerdan (F)
4. Jean Josselin (F)
5. Silvano Bertini (I)
6. Robert Gallois (F)
7. Stig Walterson (Sw)
8. Johann Orsolics (A)
9. Aldo Battistuta (I)
10. Antonio Torres (S)

LIGHT WELTERS
*1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Willi Quatuor (G)
3. Juan Albornoz Sombrita (S)
4. Conny Rudhof (G)
5. Sandro Lopopolo (I)
6. Aissa Hashas (F)
7. Romano Fanali (I)
8. Roger Zami (F)
9. David Pesenti (F)
10. Bruno de Pace (I)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*1. Pedro Carrasco (S)
2. Rene Roque (F)
3. Olli Maki (Fn)
4. Kid Tano (S)
5. Maurice Tavant (F)
6. Mig Velesquez (S)
7. Oswald Lang (A)
8. Preben Rasmussen (D)
9. Tore Maenussen (Ny)
10. Bruno Melissano (I)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Title Vacant
1. Jose Legra (S)
2. Manuel Calvo (S)
3. Lothar Abend (G)
4. Yves Desmarets (F)
5. Michel Houdeau (F)
6. Nevio Carbi (I)
7. Renato Galli (I)
8. Giovani Girgenti (I)
9. Kouider Meftah (F)
10. Paul Rourre (F)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*1. Salvatore Burruni (I)
2. Franco Zurlo (I)
3. Mimoun Ben Ali (S)
4. Pierre Vetroff (F)
5. Tommasoni Galli (I)
6. Francois Martinez (S)
7. Felix Brami (F)
8. Toni Sassarini (I)
9. Jose Bisbal (S)
10. Carmelo Massa (I)

FLYWEIGHTS
*1. Fernando Atzori (I)
2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Fabio Bellanco (S)
4. Fritz Chervet (Sd)
5. Gerhard Macrez (F)
6. Kamara Diop (F)
7. Vittorio Riccardi (I)
8. Manuel Alvarez (S)
9. Albert Desproges (F)
10. Pierre Rossi (F)

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McGRANDLE AT CROSSROADS IN HIS FISTIC CAREER

By Jacques A. H. Tachauer

Edmonton, Alberta—It has turned out to be a trying period in the career of Edmonton's Billy McGrandle. He has reached the crossroads at the age of 21.

He failed in his biggest test, when he was beaten by Johnny Famechon, British Empire champion, in Melbourne, Australia. Billy was halted in the 12th round.

Prior to this match, McGrandle was relieved of his Canadian featherweight title by the Canadian Boxing Federation for failing to go through with a title defense in Regina, against Rocky MacDougall, whom he had beaten twice.

It would be to McGrandle's advantage if he were to compete in the bantamweight division. He is too light for the 126 pounders.

▶Al Ford, local teenage hotshot, is hopeful of getting a chance at the Canadian lightweight championship. The title is vacant.

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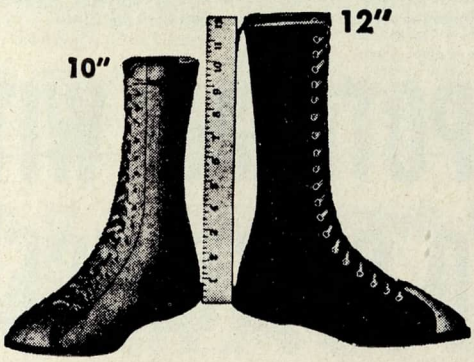

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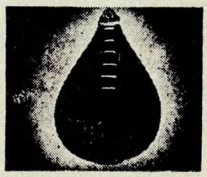

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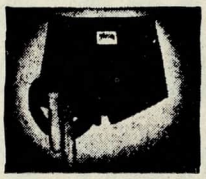

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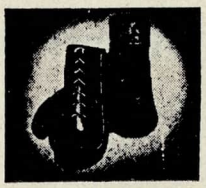

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BEATEN BY VETERAN RISCHER CORLETTI FINDS U.S. UNHEALTHY

By Don Fraser

San Francisco, Calif. — Eduardo Corl... American campaign is a disaster. It looks as he might do himself a favor by taking a pla... to London, Rome or Buenos Aires.

The climate on this side of the Atlantic h... been deadly for the man who not so long a... turned down a big payday with Buster Mat... and announced that his class entitled him to... fight with Joe Frazier.

After having been decisioned by the vete... Roger Rischer, Oakland, in a 10-rounder here... top of his fast knockout in Detroit by Al... Blue Lewis, Corletti appears to qualify for t... lower company.

He certainly has fallen out of the Top Ten o... of the major disappointments of the year 19... in world boxing.

Rischer, who had seen his best days, was t... much a thinking fighter for Corletti. Roger k... a left hand in Eduardo's face to have an ed... in six out of 10 rounds.

The East Bay heavy weighed 197, Corletti 1... Argentine Roberto Amaya, 147½, flatten... Don Hicks, 144½, San Francisco, early in t... fourth round.

▶At Fresno, underdog Julian Tellez, 142½, L... Angeles, ruined the big-time hopes of local... Johnny Lujan, 142, coming through with a 10... round knockout victory.

Both gave it all they had and provided t... gathering of 2400 with plenty of excitement.

▶**Oakland**—In a fight that failed for excitem... Charlie Shipes, 147, Oakland, and Mike Pusat... 149, Boston, ended up all even after six roun... at the Auditorium.

Pusateri was the victim of an accidental he... butt and under California Commission rules... was called a draw.

The rule reads like this: "The boxer that suff... the cut from an accidental butt, will be award... the contest if he is ahead on points. If he... behind, the bout is ruled a draw."

Shipes had built up a lead and was not hap... with the verdict.

The crowd was 2400 and the gate $4300.

Veteran Hector Agundez, 129, Mexico, f... tened Bobby Clifford, 131, Oakland, in the f... round of a scheduled 10.

Marcel Scott, 147, KOd Fabian Posada, 1... in the second of a scheduled six.

▶**Ventura**—Transplanted San Francisco mid... weight Rocky Hernandez, 162, shaded veter... Oakland scrapper Floyd Casey, 164, in 10, at t... Fairgrounds.

Ulises Botero, 138, Santa Barbara, bat... eight furious rounds with Manny Lugo, 140, S... loa, Mexico, in the semifinal. Botero won... decision.

▶Raul Montoya, 130, Tijuana, finished strong... nod Eliseo Estrada, 131, Los Angeles, in... rounds before a sparse gathering in another c... at the Fairgrounds.

Irish Ronnie Wilson, 156, San Diego, stop... Art Carillo, 157, Los Angeles in the third ro... of their scheduled eight. A cut eye ended t... melee.

▶**San Diego**—Young Richard Gonzalez, 127, ... Angeles, surprised by holding favored Pete G... zalez, 126½, San Diego, to a 10-round draw... the Coliseum.

In a second 10, Juan Montoya, 129, San Die... decisioned Gil Gallardo, 126, Los Angeles.

In a six, Ismael Rivera, 147, outpointed ... Crowder, 143.

CHARTVANCHAI WINS UNANIMOUS DECISION IN BANGKOK BOUT

Bangkok, Thailand—A capacity gathering... 8800 turned out to see three varieties of box... bout in the Lumpini Stadium. In the feature,... international contest, Western style, local fa... ite Berkreuk Chartvanchai, ranked ninth in... WBA world ratings, gained the unanimous d... sion over Jaime Pitalbo of the Philippines in... rounds. They are flyweights. Each weighed ...

Berkreuk, the taller, scored often with a g... left jab. Sompong Charoenmuang outpoi... Linglom Singcheupleung in the main Thai b... attraction. Deed Bawkawsaw outpointed Va... chai Sitpracha; Malaithong stopped Suds... Sakornipat in the fourth round.

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CHUVALO COMES TO LIFE, ● STOPPING FORTE IN TWO ●

By Hank Kaplan

Miami Beach, Fla.—Boring in relentlessly from the onset, George Chuvalo, 210½, Canadian heavyweight champion, shattered the morale and mid-section of Levi Forte, 193, Miami, before 2300 fans in a scheduled 10 at Miami Beach Auditorium.

Forte, retreating before the onslaught of a resurrected Chuvalo, could not evade the bull-like rushes of his bulkier opponent. Chuvalo punched to the body almost exclusively until Forte dropped to the canvas in round two. This occurred three times when referee Jimmy Peerless cut the action one minute before the second round time-up.

Grady Ponder, 141, Miami, outpointed Roscoe Bell, 149, Cocoa, over the 10-round route. Bell landed sporadically with his jarring hooks but not enough to damage Ponder, who peppered his opponent throughout the match.

Parson Frank Jones, 175½, Nashville, and Tommy McDougal, Memphis, 175½, participated in the most entertaining bout of the card. In a scheduled six-rounder, slick-punching McDougal appeared on the way to an easy victory as he out-dazzled the "Parson" with a lot of fast leather. But the heavy fists of Jones played the dominant role.

Three times his left hook dropped McDougal to the ropes and canvas, the last time seeing the finish of McDougal's attempt to eke out a decision. The final knockdown came in the sixth round, when Tommy took the count.

In another scheduled six-round bout, Frankie Otero, 127, Hialeah's steam-rolling prospect, blasted Freddy Westbrook, 133½, Jacksonville, and clouted the North Florida boy out of the picture in round one.

In a four-round bout, debuting Jerry Brooks, Fort Lauderdale, 146½, pulled a surprise victory out of the hat as he split-decisioned Earl Blake, 145, Tampa, in a good contest. This was Brooks' first competition either as amateur or pro.

▶ Gomeo Brennan, Bimini, Bahamas, 163, ma... it four straight as he walloped Linnes Johnso... 164½ Miami, with thunderous right hands m... way in the bout, a 10-rounder at the Miami Bea... Auditorium.

Gomeo lashed out with a show of straig... rights throughout the fight to provide a barr... between him and the pestiferous Johnson, wh... attacked constantly in his awkward style. Bre... nan found it hard to repel the onslaught a... used his power more than usual. In rendering... split decision victory for Brennan, the judg... respected the heavy blows of The Bimini Belt...

In the eight-round semi-final, Joe Cartwrig... 140½, Miami, though only in his second pea... fight, engaged in a brisk affair with Jerry Wel... 143½, Washington, D.C., to cop his secon... triumph.

In another eight-rounder, John Hudgins, 19... Miami, raised some eyebrows in the arena wi... as he manhandled the promising Willie McIntyr... 180, Fort Lauderdale, in the early rounds, th... slackened his effort, to earn a draw with h... more experienced opponent.

Clinching his position as the most promisi... looking youngster hereabouts, Frankie Otero, 12... Hialeah, came up with his fifth straight knock... out as he battered Leon Gillyard, 129½, Jac... sonville, to a second-round TKO in a conte... scheduled for six rounds. Otero is a former... ami amateur champ.

▶ In the opening show presented by Tony Brow... in the Key West Football Stadium, a good set... matches sent the fans home optimistic ov... their future boxing entertainment. Brown form... his pairings, in the main, from Miami-base... fighters and his venture proved popular.

In the 10-round feature, Luis Rodriguez, 15... Miami, scored a fourth-round technical knocko... over Rudy Rodriguez, 158, Minneapolis, after th... stubborn Rudy surprised the fans and Luis wi... several two-fisted attacks to make the fight it... real contest during the first three rounds.

The end came when Luis poured on the leath... in round four and it became obvious that th... Minnesotan was hurt and taking a beating wit... out adequate defense. Rudy was on his fe... when the referee intervened. Luis suffered a c... over his right eyebrow.

In a 10, Larry Adkins, Cincinnati welterweight... showed good conditioning as he pummelled... Jimmy Lee, Miami, to a decision victory.

In a scheduled eight-round light heavyweig... bout, Johnny Alford, Philadelphia, stopped J... Ponder, Miami, in round six.

In a bout scheduled for six rounds, Frank... Otero, 127, Hialeah, chalked up his seventh co... secutive knockout as he salted away Willie Sanc... Key West, 133, in the first round.

▶ In his prep work for Floyd Patterson in Sw... den, Jimmy Ellis employed the services of fo... active heavyweights to sharpen him up—Ol... Wilson, Al Jones, Eddie Talhami and Willie Joh... son.

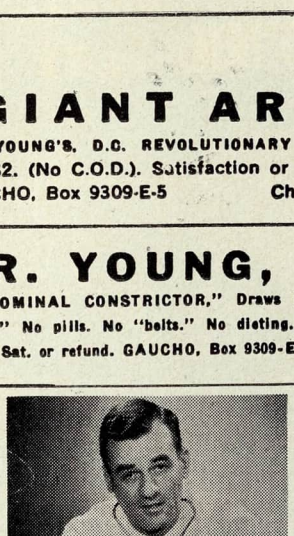
Johnson strayed from his duties to engage in... match in Houston against Dave Zyglewicz, an... became a fourth-round TKO victim at the Sa... Houston Coliseum . . . 55-year-old Alfonso "A... Garcia, of Tampa Boxing promotion fame, die... leaving many memories of his popular boxin... events in the late 1950s and early 1960s in th... West Coast city.

In the feature bout of an amateur show, fo... mer Florida Golden Gloves welterweight champ... Tommy Torino, Hollywood, survived a first-roun... knockdown to capture a five-round decision fro... James Bowen, Miami, at Hialeah Auditorium . ... Former highly ranked southpaw welterweight o... of Baltimore, Jack Portney, has sights on a pe... manent residence in the Miami area . . . Alex Bir... baum, brother of Bobby Dawson, prominent Ne... York boxing judge and former light heavyweig... who met Gene Tunney in mid-ring, is hospitaliz... here.

National Veteran Boxers' Association secreta... Irv Silverman, former New York featherweig... honeymooning and aiding in local VBA . . . A... pearing at a Miami Beach hotel with his singi... group, Ernie Terrell took in the bouts at the... cent Miami Beach Auditorium show promoted... Chris Dundee.

Al Nettlow, former welterweight contender fro... Detroit during the late 1930s, spends his sum... mers away from Miami as he joins the race tra... security police force in Detroit . . . Jack Kofo... the newspaper world's gift to boxing, reports th... Arthur Susskind, son of the legendary Your... Otto, dynamite-laden lightweight puncher, is no... active in public relaions at Miami Beach.

Jimmy Murray, former Philadelphia lightwe... and smooth boxing specialist of the 1920s, re... cuperating from a hospital siege in Miami . ... Bobby Burns, Brooklyn lightweight flash w... never passed up a good scrap is fighting for h... covery following a session with the surgeon... Mount Sinai Hospital, Miami Beach . . . M... Goodman, Miami Beach Fifth Street Gym trai... advises that we watch the progress of Joe Fe... reiro, Cuban heavyweight now operating out... Miami with three KO wins on the amateur circ... of New Jersey, and Fairfield, Conn. welter, Bill... Freel, who is about to debut as a pro. Feath... weight Jose Legra spent a week in the Mia... area to train and renew friendships with his... buddies in Miami.



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LAGUNA'S AMBITION: TO REGAIN CHAMPIONSHIP

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en added: "When small boy, I shined oes on street and sold newspapers."

Young spoke up. "Ismael was nicknamed ger, and in Panama he's still called by at name. It may be because he's a big eat eater. And here's an oddity about s boy: He eats but one meal a day—at ht in the evening. Doesn't feel hungry til then."

A Catholic, and devout, he trains reli- usly under Freddie Jones. The boxer es six miles on the road every morning, cept Sunday. "Please put in story, sir," nael requested politely, "that I do not ve any vicious—that is, vices. Not smoke, drink liquor. I like living clean, healthy ."

"Have you a girlfriend?"

"Yes," he grinned, "but she is in Pana- . At this time am more interested in my g career—and to winning back title I t—than to having sweetheart."

"What has been the biggest thrill in your ?"

"Winning the lightweight championship the world. At age twenty, one of the ungest on record. By the way, was not st time I won pro title. On September 16, 62, I knocked out Pedro Ortiz in seven nds, winning Panama featherweight title. at was half-way thrill."

"And what was your most profound dis- pointment, or loss?"

"Carlos Ortiz taking back from me world tweight championship. You see, when have title, people in my country greet with warmness. And I am friendly with erybody, not being orgulloso—how you , too proud of myself. I am plain mu- acho, a boy of the people. So after I los- crown, it hurt me when some—who not ve respect or dignity—give me cold hello, ignore me completely."

"Did Carlos Ortiz give you the toughest hts?"

"Caramba, no!" Laguna emphatically ok his head. "In our three fights he not e hurt me. I could fight him every day. as Robinson Garcia who gave me hard- fight. Put me down three times. But I n ten-round decision."

"Any of your other opponents knock suru down?"

"Si, senor," was the unabashed reply. elson Estrada, very good puncher, sent to canvas with blow that hurt. But I ished him in seventh round. This was on ril 15, 1962. Other fighter who dropped twice, and won ten-round decision, was thpaw Flash Elorde."

"Laguna lost five decisions in his career, y-eight bouts," broke in Young, "and ked one draw. That was in Buenos Aires, July 17, 1965—about three months er he became lightweight champ. The draw was with veteran Nicolino Loche—many times holder of the South American 135-pound title. On August 7, 1966, Carlos Ortiz, then lightweight king, could do no better than squeeze out a ten-round draw with Loche."

There is no question about Ismael Laguna being in a class by himself. The Panamanian's classic style has helped to give boxing a boost. He has pushed into the background the cruder modes of fisticuffing by displaying the neat scientific aspect of the sport. His smooth ringwork and speed are to lovers of boxing what food is for the hungry.

"What have you done with the money you have earned from boxing, Ismael?"

"First thing was," he said, his eyes aglow, "buying my parents a fine casa—a house—so that family not have worry of paying rent. Then I bought house for myself, about a mile away. Now living in it is my twin brother Carlos. He not married, works as automobile mechanic."

"Your parents approve your being a fighter?"

"Not my mother," Laguna replied. "She beg me to quit when I won world title. But I tell her, sorry, but I am very young with fine career ahead of me, mucho dinero—a lot of money—to be made."

"Your family ever go to see you fight?"

"My father, two brothers and six sisters attend my fights, not my mother. And not my twin brother. He not liking sport of boxing."

"Ismael trains diligently," said Young, who also has middleweight Jose Gonzalez under contract and was instrumental in Jose Torres acquiring the world light heavyweight championship by putting up $100,000 as title-holder Willie Pastrano's price for meeting Torres.

"Ismael believes in being in top condition for his fights—because he's always out to win handily. Yet, even in the ring, Laguna is humane, as was noted in his bout with Victor Melendez. As anyone who knows boxing saw, Ismael just boxed to win."

"Please, sir," the boxer addressed this interviewer, "If you don't mind, mention that senor Young lives life of athlete—keeping regular hours, not smoke or drink, does exercise. Is wiry and strong."

At the end of 1962, Laguna stiffened one Antonio Herrera in two rounds. On June 8, 1963, he boxed Herrera again—and lost a 10-round verdict, his first loss in 28 contests. On September 15, same year, Ismael put the long snore on Herrera in the seventh round.

Some of the name scrappers who bowed to Laguna's flashing fists are: Rafu King—W 10. Kid Ahahuac—KO 8. Vicente Derado—W 10. Percy Hayles—KO 7. Raul Soriano—KO 8. Carlos Hernandez—KO 8. Frankie Narvaez—W 10. Alfredo Urbina—W 10. Paul Armstead—W 10.

"Boxing is took me out of my homeland," said Ismael, "so that I travel to many interesting places in the world. Such as Bogota, Paris, Sao Paulo, Maracaibo, Tijuana, Los Angeles, Buenos Aires, San Juan, Manila, Kingston, New York, Philadelphia. Will see other cities."

Cruz, Saijyo Win Over Ramos And Rojas In Twin Bill

LOS Angeles, Cal.—The big smaller men's card at the Memorial Coliseum resulted in victories for Teo Cruz, world lightweight champion, over Mando Ramos, and Sho Saijyo over Raul Rojas, local featherweight.

The Cruz triumph was a clean and emphatic one by a clean and emphatic champion, over the 15-round route. He gave Ramos a sound drubbing.

Rojas faced the Japanese with a spurious label of world champion. The WBA had listed him as the best feather but, actually, the title left behind by beaten Howard Winstone will have to be settled in a fight between Jose Legra and Johnny Famechon.

The doubleheader failed to bring out the 40,000 who had been expected. The paid attendance came to 20,132.

With the victory of the Dominican Cruz over Ramos, and the defeat of Rojas by Saijyo, it was a bad night for Mexican fans.

The take was $181,216. Cruz got $60,000, Ramos $10,000, Rojas $35,000 and Saijo $10,000, leaving a comfortable balance for Mrs. Aileen Eaton, promoter, despite the disappointing turnout.

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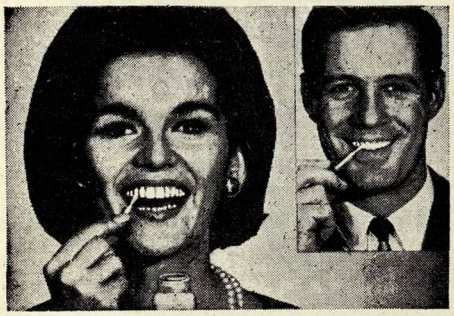

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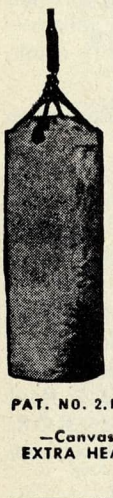

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LAMPRON AND JOHNSON GAIN DOUBLE BRACKETS IN PORTLAND

By Don Hamill

Portland, Me.—Hard-hitting Tony Lampron, Westbrook, Me. light heavyweight, and veteran Georgie Johnson of Trenton, N.J., each racked up a pair of wins while heading boxing cards here this past month. Lampron halted Tommy Foss in four heats and reversed a trio of decisions lost to Bob Whitehead by garnering a decision. Johnson again romped over Bob Herrington and whipped Wilfredo Hurst to remain, at age 37, one of the most amazing men in the ring today.

▶ The bout between Johnson, 166½, Trenton, and Herrington, 162, St. Louis, was a replay of a fight Johnson had won by unanimous decision. For eight rounds in this match they were even on points. The fight had been a boxing exhibition without getting inspired. Johnson fighting from the center of the ring was content to counter while the circling Herrington tossed jabs and occasional rights.

In the ninth round, Johnson hurt Herrington with a solid right to the jaw but the bell came to Bob's rescue as he was being buffeted around. Herrington was hurt again in the final heat but managed to stay on his feet.

The decision was split as one of the judges scored it even.

Leo DiFiore, 128½, Portland's little lion, finished with a roar to gain a unanimous eight-round decision over veteran Jean LeRoux, 129, Quebec City, in the semi-final. The pair slugged it out for the entire route which saw the lead seesawing back and forth.

Tommy Foss, 159, Peaks Island, copped a split decision over Billy Pryor, 167, Norwalk, Conn., in an interesting six-rounder. Walter Miller, 203, Portland, continued to show promise as he halted fellow townsman Jesse Crown, 206, in the second round of the four-round opener.

▶ Lewiston saw Aime Morin, 147, Lewiston, add Bobby Horton, 142, Syracuse, to his list of victims by taking a unanimous decision after eight hard-fought rounds. Morin copped the first five rounds with solid rights to the jaw, and left hooks in the fifth round, in which Horton was rocked. Horton stepped up the pace in the final three heats to narrow the gap.

Paul Hamilton, 141, Brunswick, had his hands full from a scrappy Sebby Abatte, 144, Syracuse. Hamilton took the eight-round semi-final with expert use of his stiff jab.

George Gosselin, 137, Lewiston, edged Johnny Flood, 132, New York, in a four. Norman Aube, 160, Lewiston stopped Mike Breault, 160, Westbrook in the third round. Breault filled in as a last-minute substitute. Don DuBois, 153, Lewiston, turned pro with a four-round duke over Paul Miller, 147, Auburn.

▶ **Portland**—An auto accident involving Rocky Halliday, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who was slated to box Lampron, caused promoter Sam Silverman to rearrange his show. Tommy Foss, 159, Peaks Island, filled in for Halliday against Lampron. It was unfortunate as the crowd was comparatively small and the pairing of Lampron and Foss had been awaited by man who were not there. Foss was the aggressor while Lampron used his height and reach to advantage. Both scored well and the bout was evenly fought until the fourth round when they bumped heads. Foss suffered a deep cut over his right eye necessitating the halting of the bout.

George Holden, 165, Medford, who had been slated to box Foss, tangled with Gene Roberts, 169, Milwaukee, and stopped the visitor in six rounds. Skip Yeaton, 156, Belfast, kayoed Norman Symonds, 149, New York, in the third round of their slugfest. Ted Butler, 185, Hull, stopped newcomer Wayne Hamilton, 178, Brunswick, in the second round.

▶ **Portland**—Lampron, 165, came back the next week to face his three-time conqueror, Bob Whitehead, 159, New York, in the eight-round main event. This time Lampron took the decision, a split that did not meet with the approval of the 1400 fans. Lampron got off to an early lead, shaking Whitehead to his toes in the first heat, and finding him with regularity during the next few rounds with his long left jab.

Tony was shaken in the sixth and was guilty of much holding in the seventh. The pair slugged it out for the final heat with first Tony and then Bob staggered.

Al Romano, 141, North Adams, laid claim to the New England junior welterweight title when he knocked out Paul Hamilton, 141½, Brunswick, in the sixth round. Romano scored a knockdown in the first round with a right-left combination to the jaw and stowed him away with a fusillade of punches to head and body. Jerry Graci, 148, Arlington, Mass., filled in as a substitute against Skip Yeaton, 156, Belfast, and was held to a six-round draw.

Paul Kasper, 185, Bangor, returned to the ring by stopping Ted Butler, 187, Hull, in the fourth round. Jose Garcia, 126, Worcester, came back from apparent deefat to kayo Phil Hudson, 12 Portland, in the fourth session.

▶ **Portland**—George Johnson, 162, Trenton, w handily over Wilfredo Hurst, 158, Cuban refu now campaigning out of New York. It took Jo son a couple of rounds to fathom Hurst's unus style from then on he won as he pleas There were no knockdowns as Johnson coun punched Hurst silly.

Leo DiFiore, 128, Portland, allowed veteran Petito, 131, New York, to take the play a from him and win a unanimous eight-round de sion. DiFiore twice before had beaten Petito.

Sonny Floyd, 163, Trenton, repeated o George Holden, 168, Medford, in six heats. S Yeaton, 158, Belfast, annihilated Ralph Nor 155, New York, in the first. Charley Brown, 1 Portland turned pro by scoring six knockdowns stopping hapless Don Frost, 135, Livermore Fa in the third round.

▶ **Taunton, Mass.**—Boxing returned to this c after an absence of 27 years. Jimmy Ramos, 1 North Easton, had to settle for a 10 round decision over Danny Garcia, 156, Dominican public. Ramos was the aggressor throughout landed the better blows. Garcia was conten counter. There were no knockdowns. Garcia w cut over the left eye in the eighth round.

Spider Freeman, 156, Roxbury, ruined Botta, 160, billed as from Brockton and a lot of publicity. After a slow first round, F man staggered Botta early in the second ro and had him continually rubber legged until bout was stopped late in the round.

Raul Santiago, 140, Puerto Rico, stiffened Ern Dew, 140, Worcester, in the second round the opener of six rounds, Manny Freitas, Lowell, kayoed veteran Ricky Ortiz, also 16 New York, in the third round.

▶ **Portland**—Billy McCluskey, 134, East Bos boxed rings around Tony Cruz, 129, Jersey C to win a lopsided eight-round decision. McC key's jab was sharp and unerring.

Portland's Freddy Butts, 153½, started comeback by taking an eight-round unanim decision over Dick McCarthy, 153, Medford, also was launching a comeback. Butts scor well with left jabs and hooks. He was dro in the third round but weathered the storm McCarthy's last-round pitch.

In a third eight-spot, Isidro Perez, 149, We field, Mass., scored knockdowns in the sec and sixth rounds in scoring a unanimous de sion over Skip Yeaton, 158, Belfast. Yeaton piling into Perez with gloves flying to keep scoring close. Gene Roberts. 161, now figh out of Portland. atoned for a defeat suffered the hands of George Holden. 166, Medford, taking a six-round split decision. Don DuBo 153, Lewiston, edged Jimmy Downs, 163, Br wick, in a four-round brawl.

MANALANG MAKES IT NINE STRAIGHT FOR HAWAII

By Ted Yamachika

Honolulu, Hawaii—Domi Manalang, 122, Phi pines, chalked up his ninth straight Hono win by stopping Osamu "Rocky" Miyash 121½, Japan, in the ninth of a sched 10-round fight at Honolulu International Ce It was a TKO.

The fight, promoted by Boxing Enterpris Ltd., was a sellout. There were 8,470 fans attendance and the gross was $36,481.50.

Referee Walter Cho stopped the fight w Miyashita went down for the second time in ninth. Manalang scored five knockdowns had things pretty well under control throug the fight.

The game Japanese fighter found the F tough. Smaller and shorter, he had to rus to land at all. And when he did, he was h Manalang's well-timed counters. However he manage to land a few which shook up the us cool-headed Manalang.

This was a return bout. In June, the fo ended in the same round in a similar man

▶ In a mismatch, Adolph Pruitt, 140, Los geles, knocked out Rudy Gonzalez, 138½, 5 posedly the lightweight champion of the Ph pines. in the second of 10. Adolph started ting Gonzales almost at will from the beginn concentrating his attack to the body. Except two flurries Gonzales could not fight back, was counted out in 20 second of the second

Emil Agustin, 133, Honolulu, knocked ou Romero, 133, Mexico, in the second.

Filifili Aliasa, 164½, Honolulu, decis Scott Wilsooker, 165, Las Vegas, in six.

Ah Hong Aipa, 136¾, TKOd Joey Carreiro in the first.

George Cabral, 172, Honolulu, outpointed Aumavae, 165, Honolulu, in three.

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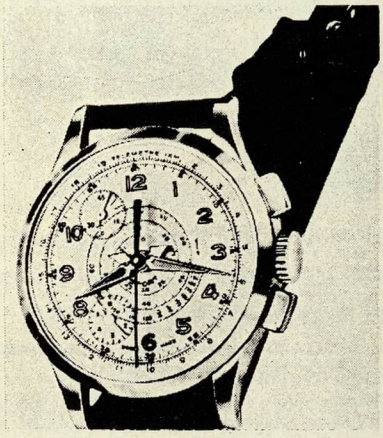

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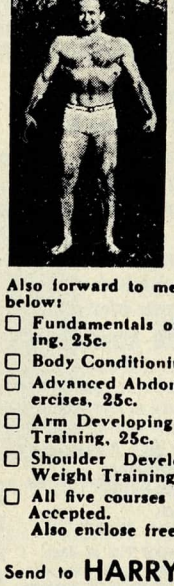

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GUTIERREZ, SORIANO, E. TORRES ● FEATURE BOXING IN MEXICO ●

By Eduardo Amer G.

Tijuana, Baja California—Rafael "Raffles" Gutierrez, 152, retained his Mexican middleweight belt by stopping Ignacio "Nacho" Rubio, 153, in the first round. Raul Soriano, 146, is the new national welterweight king. He put Ray Reyes, 145, to sleep in four.

Fabian Leyva, 142, TKOd "Centavo" Estrada, 141, in four. Leobardo "Polvorita" Calderon, 118, kayoed "Pajarito" Solis, 117, in two.

▶ **Mexico, D.F.**—Fermin "Gallego" Gomez, 112, TKOd Luis Carlos Urrunaga, 112, of Panama, in five. Pedro Domingez, 124, destroyed Joaquin Velazquez, 125, in one. Guillermo Espinosa, 117, TKOd Manuel Ramirez, 116. Chucho Gonzalez, 111, stopped Antonio Garcia, 112, in two, and Miguel Gomez, 116, outpointed Lorenzo Robles, 115, in four.

▶ **Tijuana, Baja California**—Celso Olivas, 140, defeated Peter Cobblah, 143, of Ghana, in 10. Jesus Monsreal, 125, TKOd Armando Cruz, seven.

▶ **Mexico, D.F.**—Rodolfo Martinez, 116, stopped Cammy Beto (Camino Valdespino), 116, Panama, in two heats. Martinez has fought 20 fights and has scored as many knockouts.

Memo Vega, 117, lost to Jose Garcia, 118, in 10. Paco Gomez, 112, TKOd Rogelio Mendoza, 111, in seven. Chucho Contreras, 112, won from Alfonso Cruz, 113, in six. Jose Reyes, 116, and Antonio Ortega, 117, drew in four.

▶ **Estado De Mexico**—In the bull ring, Efren "Alacrancran" Torres, 116, gained a decision over Eduardo "Raton" Mojica, 116, in 10 slow rounds. Undefeated Rubén Olivares, 115, stopped Antoine Porcel, 115, of France, in the first round.

Jose Jimenez, 125, won over Vicente Garcia, 125, in 10. Garcia is the Mexican featherweight champ but this fight was not for the title. Manuel Berrios, 124, stopped Mario Diaz, 125, in the sixth, and Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 113, kid brother of Alacran, beat Fernando Cid, 114, in 10. 18,000 fans attended.

▶ **Ciudad Obregon, Sonora**—Leobardo "Polvorita" Calderon, 117, TKOd Jean Leroux, 116, of France, in eight. Ramiro Nides, 122, whipped Hip Samg Lee 123, of Japan, in 10. Felipillo Gonzalez, 117, and Gustavo Sosa, 118, drew in 10.

Roberto San Martin, 117, halted Jose "Chino" Morales, 119, in three. Santos Torres, 135, stopped Sergio Felix, 138, in six.

▶ **Teziutlan, Puebla**—Alfonso "Halimi" Gutierrez, 112, polished off Jose Cruz, 113, in eight.

▶ **Ensenada, Baja California**—Nando Villegas, 143, TKOd Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 145, in seven.

▶ **Mexico, D.F.**—Jaime "Dumbo" Perez, 114, outboxed Teofilo Gonzalez, 114, in 10.

▶ **Gomez Palacio, Durango**—Lalo Moreno, 135, outclassed Alfonso "Coneja" Aguirre, 134, in 10. Panchito Villa, 124, and Samuel Torres, 123, drew in 10. Mario Zapata, 124, lost to Tiburcio Palacios, 125, in eight.

▶ **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon**—Jose Blanco, 141, TKOd Rogelio Reyes, 143, in two. Isaias Martinez, 128, TKOd Macedonio Diaz, 126, in three.

▶ **Guadalajara, Jalisco**—Enrique "Rancherito" Ruiz, 125, stopped Manuel Bastidas, 124, in two. Zurdo Leon, 124, decisioned Jose Luis Garcia, 125, in 10.

Chamaco Diaz, 117, won over Francisco Buenrostro, 119, in eight. Jose Luis Martin, 122, whipped Tilico Lopez, 119, in six.

▶ **Mexico, D.F.**—Raul Rodriguez, 141, TKOd Jerry Graci, 140, U.S.A., in three. Ramon Corona, 124, beat Jose Medina, 125, in 10. Leoncio Ortiz, 134, got the decision over Eliseo Flores, 135, in eight.

▶ **Hermosillo, Sonora**—Denny Moyer, 150, U.S.A., convincingly outpointed Maximino "Jesse" Armenta, 154, in 10.

▶ **Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas**—Efren "Alacran" Torres, 119, stopped Santos Sandoval, 121, in nine rounds. Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 113, stopped Armando Villa, 114, in three.

Jose Angel Zamora, 128, and Marcos Gomez, 134, drew in 10. Angel Herrera, 125, embalmed Pulgar Heredia, 124, in eight. Silvano Estopier, 135, knocked out Lupe Torres, 132, in two.

Veracruz, Veracruz—Veteran Bernabe "Babe" Vazquez, 138, is here again. He put to sleep Ray Estrada, 140, in three.

▶ **Mexico, D.F.**—Juan Salazar, 124, outscored Juan Ruiz, 125, in 10. Luis Gutierrez, 125, won from Jose Camargo, 124, in eight.

Agustin Romero, 118, deefated Sanvador Evangelista, 117, in six. Manolo Morales, 125, TKOd Gregorio Martinez, 126, in three.

▶ **Tampico, Tamaulipas**—Jose Luis "Frijol" Madrid, 125, stopped Pablo "Zurdo" Montoya, 124, in three.

Jorge "Diablo" Saldivar, 123, halted Pedro Sanchez, 125, in five. Chuy Llanos, 129, kayoed Chucho Vazquez, 130, in one.

▶ **Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas**—Cesar Desiga, 123, TKOd Pedro Torres, 119, in five. Francisco Qui... 124, TKOd Leo Sepulveda, 125, in four.

▶ **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon**—Chuy Rocha, 118, a... Pablo Vega, 117, drew in 10.

▶ **Acapulco, Guerrero**—"Zorro" Castañon, ... stopped Jorge Calderon, 116, in seven. Esteb... Rangel, 115, TKOd Nando Salinas, 114, in two.

▶ **Guadalajara, Jalisco**—Alfredo Landeros, ... beat Victor "Pajaro" Plascencia, 112, in 10. ... nuel "Botas" Gomez, 124, TKOd Salvador Pe... 125, in seven.

▶ **Mexicali, Baja California**—Esteban Fabela, ... destroyed Pino Montoya, 126, in five.

▶ **Cordoba, Veracruz**—Ricardo Arredondo, ... stopped "Chamaco" Hernandez, 119, in two.

▶ **Mexico, D.F.**—Lupe Ramirez, 134, halted M... ano Morales, 135, in seven. Panchito Mart... 124, outscored Pedro Correa, 125, in eight. Pe... Lozano, 123, stopped Roberto Garcia, 124, in ... opening round.

Silvestre Perez, 135, TKOd Rodrigo Soto, ... in six. Jose Luis Lima, 119, TKOd Alvaro Roj... 117, in three rolls.

▶ **Mexico, D.F.**—Hipolito Hernandez, 125, TK... Raul "Chaparro" Reyes, 124, in six. Eliseo Flo... 135, decisioned Crisanto Valenzuela, 134, ... eight.

Raul Manjarrez, 119, TKOd Rosalio Sala... 118, in five.

▶ **Teziutlan, Puebla**—Bernabe "Babe" Vazqu... 138, who started his boxing career in 19... kayoed "Maravilla" Hernandez, 140, in five.

Good prospect Jose Luis Lopez "El Maestri... 117, gained the decision over Ricardo Arredon... 118, an upset. Clemente Muciño, 125, best... Lupe Aguilar, 124, in 10.

Felipe "Cachorro" Ursua, 116, TKOd Robe... Vazquez, 115, in four. Arturo Leon, 117, TK... Manolo Morales, 116, in five. Rodolfo Apari... 115 TKOd "Chango" Reyes, 117, in two.

▶ **Reynosa, Tamaulipas**—Chucho Garcia, ... stopped Jose Blanco, 139, in seven rounds. A... jandro Treviño, 125, stopped Arturo Garcia, ... in two.

▶ **Mexico, D.F.**—Panchito Muñoz, 125, TKOd ... vier "Mongol" Noguez, 126, in seven. Jose ... Rocha, 124, was beaten by Adolfo Aguilar, ... in eight.

Raul Perez, 112, won from Jose Cruz, ... six. Ricardo Falcon, 114, TKOd Agustin Rom... 115, in four.

▶ **Nueva Laredo, Tamaulipas**—Jose "Pollo" ... biño, 139, and Babe Reyes, 143, drew in ... Mario Lopez, 137, and Ricardo Patiño, 135, ... drew in 10.

▶ **Guadalajara, Jalisco**—Marcos Gomez, ... TKOd Placido Avila, 134, in three. Ray Lazo, ... stopped "Chamaco" Joya, 127, in four.

▶ **Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas**—Jorge Ceja, ... halted Carlos "Marinero" Celis, 138, in ... Efren Jimenez, 129, knocked out "Pichon" ... treras, 128, in seven. Julio "Ringo" Romero, ... beat Chano Rodriguez, 115, in eight.

▶ **Frontera De Ojinaga, Chihuahua**—Alberto ... ton" Palacios, 124, kayoed Bill Johnson, 12... Arizona, in five.

▶ **Veracruz, Veracruz**—Candido Sandoval, 12... Puebla, TKOd Fillo Ochoa, 124, in six. Alfo... Cabrera, 112, stopped Hilario Lopez, 112, in ... Antonio Estrada, 115, polished off Goyo ... 117, in two. Jorge Castro 115, defeated ... Nieves, 113, in six. Jose Rojas, 122, beat ... nando Lazo, 120, in four.

▶ **Veracruz, Veracruz**—Memo Rodriguez, ... knocked out Alejandro Romero, 122, in five.

▶ **Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas**—Javier "Faro... Coutiño, 115, outpointed Rosendo Jimenez, ... in 10. Carlos Malacara (not the famous Mex... fighter of about 25 years ago), 112, TKOd ... nando Santos, 114, in six.

▶ **Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas**—Jose Angel ... mora, 127, and Joel Rangel, 126, drew in ... Eleuterio Luna, 122, TKOd Perico Rivera 12... five. Chema Quiroz, 128, iced Juan Vazquez, ... in one.

▶ **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon**—"Cubanito" Gonza... 119, flattened Chuy Rocha, 118, in five. Jo... del Toro, 129, stopped Cesar Cortes, 128, ... three.

▶ **Guadalajara, Jalisco**—Marcos Gomez, 137, ... Tony Lopez, 134, in 10. Alberto "Raton" ... cios, 125, outpunched Felix Castañda, 125, in ...

▶ **Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas**—Alfredo "Pollo" ... neses, 119, won an upset victory over Raul ... knocking him out in the sixth. Alex Bahena, ... decisioned Carlos "Zorrito" Garrido, 112, in ...

CMhucho Flores, 115, kayoed Rene "Moc... Morgan, 117, in the 10th. "Chiquis" Fernan... 110, halted Mario Gomez, 111, in nine. Ism... Morales, 115, nailed Jorge Flores, 14, in six.

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EYE CUT EPIDEMIC RAGES; McCORMICK STOPS HENDERSON

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Willie Connolly, Glasgow, 181, stopped Sean Dolan, Manchester, 180, in the third.

Micky Flynn, Manchester 148¼, stopped Phil Cassidy, Liverpool, 147¾, in the fifth.

Malcolm Lowe, Sheffield, 119, outpointed Bernard Nicholls, Manchester, 118, in six.

▶ **Blackpool**—Bunny Johnson, Leicester, 178, was too good for Guinea Roger, Ghana, 179, and won on points in eight.

▶ **Johannesburg**—Ske Mullen, Dublin, was outpointed by Fraser Toweel, South Africa, in a 10-round welterweight contest.

▶ **Bethnal Green**—Jimmy Anderson, Enfield, British junior lightweight champion, defeated Hugh Baxter, Glasgow, in the fifth, when referee Benny Caplan intervened. Yes, Hector, it was a cut eye.

The win was received with jeers from the crowd, who thought that the injury was caused by a clash of heads.

Baxter surprised Anderson in the early rounds by his defense.

In the second round Anderson received a cut eye but this yielded to treatment . . .

Baxter got a good ovation as he left the ring. Both scaled inside 132.

Phil Watford, West Ham, 174¾, knocked out Willie Connolly, Glasgow, 176¾, in the third.

Reg Gullefer, Dagenham, 125½, stopped Ray Opoku, Nigeria, 127¾, in the fifth.

Billy Brown, West Ham, 141¾, outpointed Santos Martin, Liverpool, 145, in six.

Eamon Cole, Stepney, former amateur champion, 138¾, made an easy entry into the paid ranks when he disposed of Joe Okezie, Nigeria, 138. The bout lasted only 100 seconds. The referee was merciful.

▶ **Accra, Ghana**—Johnny Cooke, Liverpool, former British and Empire welterweight champion, was declared the points loser against Oblettey Commey, Accra, in a close welterweight 10.

In July 1966, Commey, on a visit to England, defeated Cooke in the seventh when Cooke was forced to retire with a cut eye.

▶ **Manchester**—Amos Talbot, Salford, 146½, enhanced his reputation with a points win over Fred Powney, Doncaster, 148, in eight rounds.

Powney was unable to get his stylish boxing to work, for with a non-stop attack Talbot was able to penetrate the Central Area champion's defense, and receive referee Harry Warner's decision by 39¼ to 39. This is the second time that Talbot has beaten Powney.

It took Jeff Shaw, Middleton, 175, one minute to defeat Clive Tranter, Birmingham, 176.

Leon Smart, Preston, 203, stopped Bill Jones, Doncaster, 195, in the fourth . . . Bernard Nicholls, Manchester, 122, outpointed Geoff Ryan, Manchester, 124 in six.

▶ **Shoreditch**—Chris Jobson, East Ham, 148, had an easy task against Billy Yusef, Nigeria, 148. Referee Harry Gibbs saved Yusef.

Tony Moore, Stepney, 158½, beat Nojeen Adigun, Nigeria, 157¾, in the fourth, when the latter was ruled out for misuse of head . . . It took seven stitches to repair Moore. Adigun, for his wild antics after the decision was announced, will have to appear before the Southern Area Council to explain . . . Southpaw Eamon Cole, Stepney, 139, gained his second victory in a week, when he outpointed Tommy Tiger, Nigeria, 138, in six. Ray Brittle, Southall, 171½, defeated Dick Reeves, Bermondsey, 176½, in the second . . . Bernie Terrell, Edmonton, 142, knocked out Sangster Dart, Birmingham, 138, in the second . . . John Shepherd, Stepney, 144, stopped Keith White, East Ham, 142, in the first.

Howard Winstone, British featherweight champion, refuses to heed the advice of his manager Eddie Thomas to call it a day after his defeat by Jose Legra.

Howard declares that he will give it another year.

▶ **Kensington, London**—Southpaw Jimmy Revie, Stockwell, repeated his win over Colin Lake, Islington, in a hard-fought junior lightweight eight.

Terry Feeley, Glasgow heavy, defeated Billy Wynter, Antigua, in the first. Referee Bill White intervened.

Dusty Smith, Hampstead, stopped welter Yeardom Boakye, Ghana, in the sixth. In a heavyweight bout, Brian Hall, Dartford, stopped Gerry Finn, Cork. Cut eye.

▶ **Connaught Rooms, London**—Terry Daly, Battersea heavy, just about managed to win a points verdict over Charlie White, Northampton, in eight.

Peter Cragg, Letchworth comeback, and Ske Mullen, Dublin, fought a terrific eight with honors going to Cragg.

John Smith, Derby, outpointed Mel Francis, Reading, in a cruiserweight six.

▶ **Leamington Spa**—After 20 years, boxing came back here with a bang. Jackie Turpin, Leamington, nephew of the late Randy Turpin, was featured against Johnny Brown, Cardiff, in a welterweight eight.

Turpin gained a convincing win, and manager George Middleton who piloted Randy, has high hopes that Jackie will go to the top.

Joey Wright, Coventry bantam, narrowly outpointed Gerry Jones, Cardiff, in a magnificent six. Tony Tunningham, Liverpool, outpointed Johnny Jennings, Birmingham, in a welterweight six.

WHY WERE PAPKE, KLAUS, DARCY LEFT OUT?

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stands out as one of the biggest upsets in fistic history. However, let us not overlook the fact that Al just had gone 10 heats with Mike Gibbons.

Does Klaus belong in the computer tournament? Well, did Jack Dempsey belong in the heavyweight electronic carnival?

Now we come to the Les Darcy story and one of the stark tragedies of boxing history.

Darcy, a world champion in Australia, died in a hospital in Memphis, Tenn. on May 24, 1917, of mental fever and a general breakdown.

If it is possible for a boxer to die of a broken heart, James Leslie Darcy succumbed to that tragedy.

Darcy never fought in the United States. They would not let up on him in the sports pages. A world war was on, and when Les arrived here he was accused of being a slacker.

Even after he had enlisted in the Tennessee National Guard the accusation was shouted at him whenever and wherever he appeared and finally he broke down, and died.

In Australia, Darcy piled up middleweight feats without number. When, on Christmas Day in 1915, at Sydney, Les knocked out the American Eddie McGoorty in eight rounds he was hailed as the world champion.

In the United States we insisted that McCoy was the champion. But Darcy had stopped middleweights whom the experts rated over McCoy, who really never got his just desserts and merited rating. For no reason, Al was denigrated as "cheese champion," and that was neither just, nor backed by the records.

In any event, Darcy, in his last fight in Australia on September 30, 1916, stopped Chip in nine. Les had outpointed Jimmy Clabby in 20, for the second time. He had knocked out 20 men in 39 fights. He was the middleweight sensation of the fistic world.

By achievement, by reputation, Les Darcy belongs in the ranks of all-time middleweight spectaculars. He belongs in any retrospective tournament, by computer or any other way.

But he sits up there in Valhalla with Papke and Klaus, wondering what he had done to justify refusal of rating with Basilio, Zale, Cerdan, LaMotta and the rest in the computer tournament.

It has been suggested that after the computer has set up its champion he be thrown in with Papke, Klaus and Darcy. Or would that be cruelty?

UP AND DOWN OLD BROADWAY

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New York, hosted a party in Jack Dempsey's recently. The buddy of K.O. Phil Kaplan, who was a feather and lightweight was having a get-together in celebration of the wedding of his grandson, Jeffrey Rubinstein, of Long Beach. Jeff was installed recently as an associate member of Ring.

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Word came back from some friends whom we asked to visit with Pete Herman when they vacationed in New Orleans, that Pete no longer has his famous night spot but has retired and is living with a sister right next door to where the club was. As far as we know Pete, who was a great bantam king, is still Vice Chairman of the New Orleans Boxing Commission. Despite his blindness, folks say Pete still is a jovial little fellow.

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Dave Rosenberg, who was New York State middleweight champion when he outpointed Phil Krug, of Harrison, N. J., at the now defunct New York Velodrome, Broadway and 225th St., is still active in the paper and twine business. Rosenberg was the Metropolitan AAU lightweight champion and National AAU welterweight king before he turned pro as a middleweight. He was managed by Joe Schwing. Dave fought the best, among them the late Young Stribling. Dave, who lives with a married sister, Annabelle, in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn, has two children, George who is 45 and Marsha, 39.

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Here's a Benny Leonard tale. Remember when he boxed Joe Welling, lanky Chicagoan and physical instructor at the New York A.C., in the old Garden on E. 26th St.? He stopped Joe in the 14th round. His friends wanted to know why he didn't do the trick earlier, to which Benny, a lovable man, answered, "Yes I might have done it earlier but every time I started to get set with my right, Joe was doing the same thing. When the opportunity finally came I let go and luckily beat him to the punch."

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Venerable Jack "Doc" Moore often hears from Joe Netro, who was in partnership with Johnny DeJohn in the management of ex-king Carmen Basilio and Ray DeJohn. Joe has been having ailments but is again in pretty good shape. Joe originally came from Ithaca, N.Y. Moore and Netro also had Joey DeJohn, a crack middleweight, and Mike DeJohn, a highly touted heavyweight. Netro also managed Babe Risko before he became middleweight champion.

...GS GRABS SPOTLIGHT WITH ...NE ROUND KO OF STENGEL

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...is was disappointing news for the presi... of the Dutch Boxing Federation, Major Hans ...an. Managers Henk Ruhling and Berent ...ken took up the battle and finally persuaded ...elo Bossi to make a voluntary defense prior ...cing Bertini.

...e challenger's purse was chicken feed. It ... to be or he would never have got the chance. ...k took a gamble and it paid off.

...ighting Mack, who was on the other end of ...telephone in Aruba, did not take long to pack ...bags and come to Holland. He had been ...ing on the island beaches and continued ... preparation at Zandvoort in Holland. Mack ... moved to Lignano, between Venice and ...ste.

...ermany's lightweight champion Karl Furcht ...vacated his crown, having had difficulty re... in making the poundage.

...rmer welterweight champion of Europe, Jo... Orsolics, Austria, who handed in his li..., will box again. He has signed a three... contract with his old manager, Marchart.

ITALY

...gnano Sabbiardoro—3500 saw Fighting Mack ...ationally beat European welterweight cham... Carmelo Bossi, Italy, the champion failing ...me out of his corner for round ten. Bossi ... built up a points lead over the first seven ...es and looked all set for victory. In the ... the 21-year-old challenger caught the cham... with a right to the jaw and decked him. ...tsi beat the count but only his gameness and ...age saw him to the end of the heat.

...eferee Jean Deshert, Belgium, called a doc... to the ring and it was discovered that Bossi ... fractured jaw. Mack was declared the new ...mpion. Some Italian reporters supported man... Libero Cecchi's claim that the injury was ...ed by a butt. The champion said he had had ...oth pulled a few days before the bout and ...unable to wear his mouthpiece. Bossi scaled ...pounds and Mack came in at 144½. Bossi's ...osed world title bout with Curtis Cokes natu... is off.

...an Remo—Light welterweight champion of ...pe, Bruno Arcari, Italy, made a voluntary ...nse against British junior welterweight king. ... Rea. A right put Rea down in a corner in ... sixth and although he beat the count this ... the beginning of the end.

...right to the head and Rea was down a sec... time. Although he regained his feet some ...ght he had failed to beat the count Referee ...olf Drust, Germany, allowed the bout to con..., only to stop it seconds later when the 24... old challenger was dazed. Official stoppage ...e at 1:45 of round six. Rea never had been ...ked in 24 bouts. There was no TV coverage to ...ain as TV engineers were on strike. Conse...ntly Rea's purse money was reduced some... Rea had to make a second visit to the ...es and finally came in at 139 7 pounds after ...0-minute workout to shed surplus. Arcari ...ed 138.8 pounds.

...evio Carbi retained his local featherweight ...n with a decision over Constantino Fiori, 12

...revano—Welterweight Michele Gullotti deci... ...ed Rod Lewkay, 10.

...arrara—Welterweight Piero Caru outscored ...seppe Robert, eight.

...lovate Milanese—Nevio Carbi won the feath... eight championship of Italy with a decision ... Renato Galli, 12.

...adora—Welterweight Giuseppe Occhipinti ...ht Tullio Zanirato to an eight-round draw.

...eggio Emilla—Welterweight Cyclone Barth ...sioned Aldo Battistutta, eight. Welterweight ...e Blay beat Giovanni Murgia. TKO six. Mid... weight Antonio Aguilar outpointed Sauro So... ...ni, eight.

...allarte—Lightweight Bruno Meggiolaro beat ...clio Conti, eight.

...orli—Lightweight Pietro Vargellini decisioned ... Africa, eight.

...urin—Lightweight Italo Biscotti decisioned ...o Pravisani, eight.

...ilan—Welterweight Serafino Lucherini beat ...que Hoyos, TKO five. Welterweight Giuliano ...vino beat Angelo Qu'rci, TKO six. Welter... ght Ivo Bernuzzi beat Renato Romanco, who ... disqualified in round eight.

...odena—Middleweight Tommaso Truppi deci... ...ed Sella Bukari, eight.

...assari—Lightweight Antonio Puddu beat Tore ...natiempo, TKO four.

...igarano—Flyweight Franco Sperati, Italy, de... ...ned Fabian Bellanco, Spain, 10. Middleweight ...i Patruno outpointed Mario Mescia, eight.

...esaro—Lightweight Bruno Melissano deci... ...ed Enrico Barlatti, 10.

...ome—Welterweight Gianni Zampieri beat Giu... ...pe Salese. TKO five.

...eghorn—Welterweight Romano Fanali and Joe ...ca fought eight to a draw.

...urin—Heavyweight Dante Cane stopped Dick ... KO six. Middleweight Johnny Smith beat ...r Freeman, who was disqualified in the ...d. Middleweight Sauro Soprani decisioned ...erto Biscotti, eight.

▶ Livorno—Italy's new junior welterweight champion is Romano Fanali. He beat Bruno de Pace.

▶ Anzio—Welterweight Roberto Amaya beat Angelo Neroni, TKO six. Lightweight Massimo Bruschini decisioned Osei Kofi, eight.

▶ Lignano—Italian welterweight champion Silvano Bertini retained the crown. Domenico Tiberia and he went 12 to a draw.

DENMARK

▶ Copenhagen—At the Idraetsparkenz football stadium 13,000 saw Tom Bogs dethrone European light heavyweight champion Lothar Stengel in the first round. Tonight's battle lasted just 2:42. Spanish referee Fernando Perotti called a halt after Stengel had been decked three times. Manager Wolfgang Mueller threw in the towel at the same time. Stengel was made to order for Bogs who stepped out of the middleweight division for this title shot. The German was wide open to a left hook. Stengel collected $10,000, his best. Bogs will face Piero del Papa, Italy, from whom Stengel took the crown in December last year.

SPAIN

▶ Barcelona—Lightweight champion of Europe, Pedro Carrasco, stopped Bruno Melissano, Italy, in round three. In an EBU featherweight title elminator, Manuel Calvo, Spain, beat German champion Lothar Abend, TKO six.

▶ El Errol—Jose Gonzalez Dopico KOd Toni Ortiz in the first, for the Spanish welterweight crown.

▶ Mataro—Middleweight Luis Folledo, continuing his comeback, beat Sella Bukari, TKO four. Bantamweight Pedro Pinto II decisioned Fabian Bellanco, eight.

▶ Valencia—Pedro Carrasco, lightweight champion of Europe, decisioned Serafino Luchepini in a non-title 10. Middleweight Antonio Torres outpointed Francisco Ferri, eight. Welterweight Epifiano Collado decisioned Jesse Green. eight. Featherweight Luis Aisa drew with Bob Allotey in an eight.

▶ Buesca—Bantamweight Ben Ali decisioned Kid Miller, eight.

▶ Madrid—Featherweight Manuel Calvo beat Hassan Mequinez, TKO four. Bantamweight Jose Arranz decisioned Ben Amar II, eight. Lightweight Manuel Medina outpointed Tomas Castuera, eight.

▶ Valladolid—Lightweight Pedro Carrasco beat Valerio Numez, KO three, in a non-title fight. Bantamweight Francisco Martinez beat Antonio Garcia Puente, TKO two. Welterweight Mauricio Hernan outpointed Ramon Pardo, eight.

▶ Vigo—Welterweight Carlos San Jose drew in eight with John White. Lightweight Baldomero Barral decisioned Toni Fernandez, eight.

▶ Lioret de Mar—Middleweight Luis Folledo outpointed Dramane Quedrago, France. 10. Welterweight Jose Riba drew in eight with Mancheno II. Lightweight Benito Gallardo Yancio beat Fernando Tavares, TKO seven. Featherweight Ruis Bueno drew in an eight-rounder with Mariano LaTorre.

▶ Sevilla—In a Spanish lightweight title bout Miguel Velazquez beat Manuel Carvajal, TKO five. Claudio Gallardo Yancio decisioned Juan Jose Crespo, eight. Lightweight Kid Rainbow beat Jose Sanz, TKO seven. Toni Ortiz outpointed Cristobal Gomez Kirby, eight.

▶ Madrid—Heavyweight. Benito Canal drew in eight with Francisco San Jose. Francisco Martinez beat Jose Salvado, KO two.

▶ San Sebastian—Bantamweight Ben Ali decisioned Kid Miller in eight rounds. Heavyweight Urtain beat Mario Miranda. KO two. Welterweight Sella Bukari beat Guadaloupe Mancheno, TKO six. Bantamweight Toni Martin decisioned Ruiz, eight.

FINLAND

▶ Turku—Heavyweight Ray Patterson, U S A., KOd Ireno Werleman, Aruba, in three. Heavyweight Raimo Nisula lost to Ulric Regis. Trinidad in eight. Light heavyweight Taisto M. Maki lost his second professional bout, outpointed by Michel Blinker, Holland, six. Welterweight Osmo Kanerva whipped Etty Defares, Holland, six.

FRANCE

▶ La Seyne—Lightweight Jean Maheux beat Mohamed Ben Said, KO three.

▶ Mont de Marsen—Middleweight Christian Lafargue decisioned John Tiger, eight. Lightweight Miloud N'Diaye outpointed Rene Rourre, eight.

▶ Caen—Middleweight Jean Rolland, France, outpointed Klaus Klein, Germany, 10

▶ Bayonne—Lightweight Bernard Gimond decisioned Jean Claude Corroyez, eight.

GERMANY

▶ Berlin—A show "In Memory of Jupp Elze" was arranged by Willi Zeller at the Schöneberger Sporthall. Boxers and officials gave their services with little or no payment so that the profit, said to be over $3000 goes to the widow and son.

Fights were stopped far too early. Boxing was poor and the 2500 were not satisfied. In the main event the American-based German. Wilhelm von Homburg. stopped Rudi Nehring. Germany Nehring was in front at the end of the fourth round but ran out of gas. Homburg made up for lost ground and in frame eight dropped his man for a count of eight. Referee Rudolp Drust soon sent Nehring to his corner. Light heavyweight Detlef Marklewitz, Austria. beat Eddy Defares Holland. KO two. 25-year-old Marklewitz has won 12 of his 13 bouts inside the distance. He is chauffeur for the Austrian Minister Doctor Bruno Pittermann, who never misses when Peter fights.

Middleweight Mathias Rosenitsch, Austria, and Michel Blinker, Holland, provided the best boxing of the evening. Two lefts in round five sent Blinker to the canvas for eight. Referee Betram stopped the affair. Manfred Ackers was decisioned by Kurt Stroer, six rounds.

ROSE THROWS OFF KNOCKDOWN TO TRIUMPH OVER MEDEL

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Featherman, coming off knockout losses to Alvin Lewis and George Chuvalo, kept the pressure on up till the fifth. Steele's corner then notified referee Joe Olmos to end it.

The winner scaled 189, Steele, 178. This was the second setback in 12 starts for Richard.

Scooter Meza, 136, Fresno, was ahead on points when a closed right eye by Centavito Hernandez, 133, Los Angeles, caused the 10-rounder to be stopped in the eighth.

Jimmy Robertson, Hawthorne, 138, decisioned Ismael Rivera, 140, Los Angeles (5); Ronnie Wilson, 158; San Diego, decisioned Rod Reed, 158, Los Angeles (6).

▶ Los Angeles—It was win No. 2 over tough Miguel Aguilar, 146, Mexico City, for Detroit's Hedgemon Lewis, 145, in 10 at Olympic.

It was also Lewis' first outing at the Olympic since his KO by Indian Red Lopez. The stylist from Michigan was a near shutout winner. The two judges, Chuck Hassett (12-0) and Rudy Jordan (8-0) saw it that way, but referee John Thomas had it 7-2.

Lewis dominated the fight with his sharp left jabs and right body shots. He had no trouble scoring, but Aguilar took the best he could offer without going down.

Undefeated Bobby Rodriguez, 127, Minneapolis, polished off Walter Swan, 127, Los Angeles, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Swan was down at the end of the third and badly cut when his corner stopped it.

Don Meadows, 140, Los Angeles, decisioned Armando Akatorre, 144, Los Angeles (4); Lou Lopez, 154, East Los Angeles, outpointed Ralph Macias, 153, Los Angeles.

▶ Indian Andy Kendall, 175, of Portland, was just too busy for Joe Hopkins, 168, West Jordan, Utah, in their 10-rounder at Olympic.

Kendall had his hand raised when the club physician, Dr. Bernard Schwartz, ruled that a cut over Hopkins' left eye was serious.

The redskin from Oregon is on the comeback trail, following a shooting scrap that sent him to the hospital near death.

Scooter Meza, 136, Fresno, knocked out Leo Becerra, 138, Mexico City, in the opening round of their scheduled 10. Fraser Scott, 156, Seattle, decisioned Phil Garcia, 152, Santa Monica (6). Ronnie Wilson, 167, San Diego, and Johnny Wise, 164, San Diego, drew (5).

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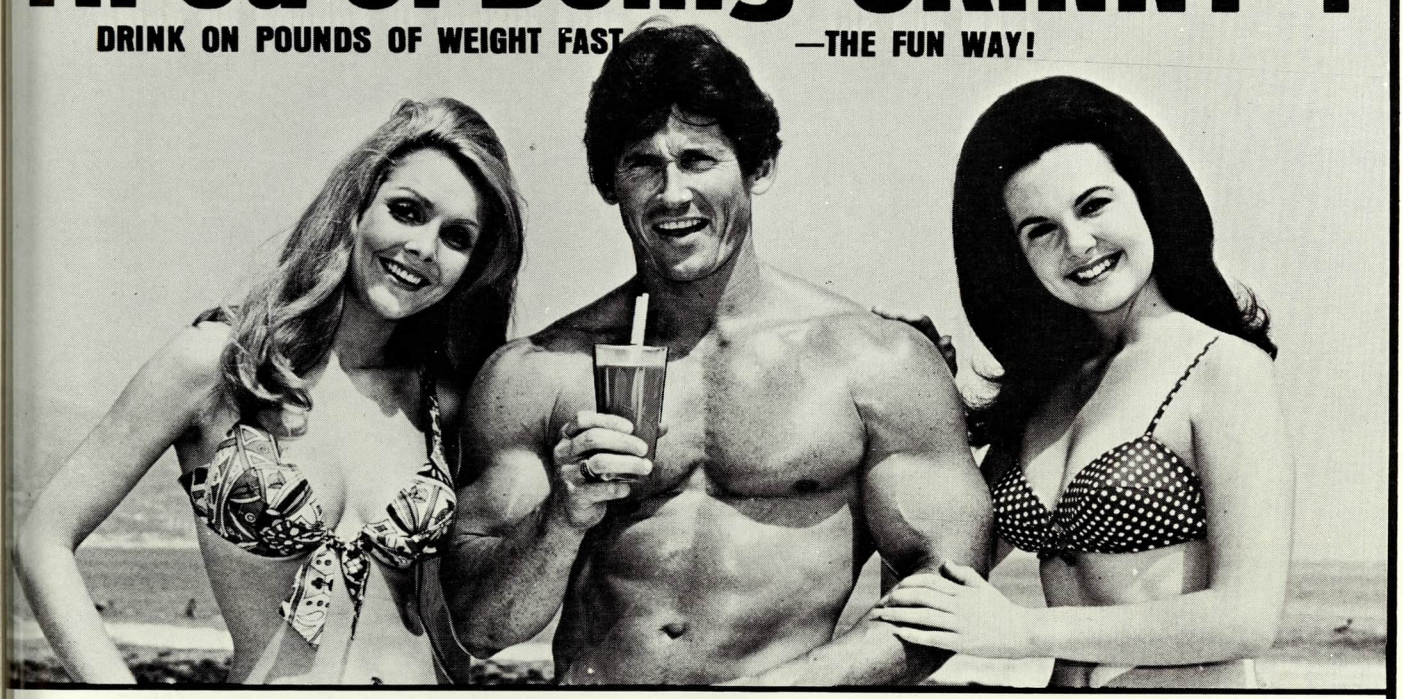

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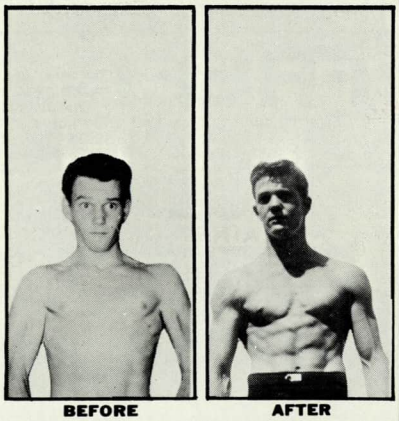

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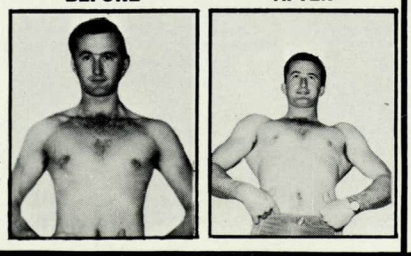

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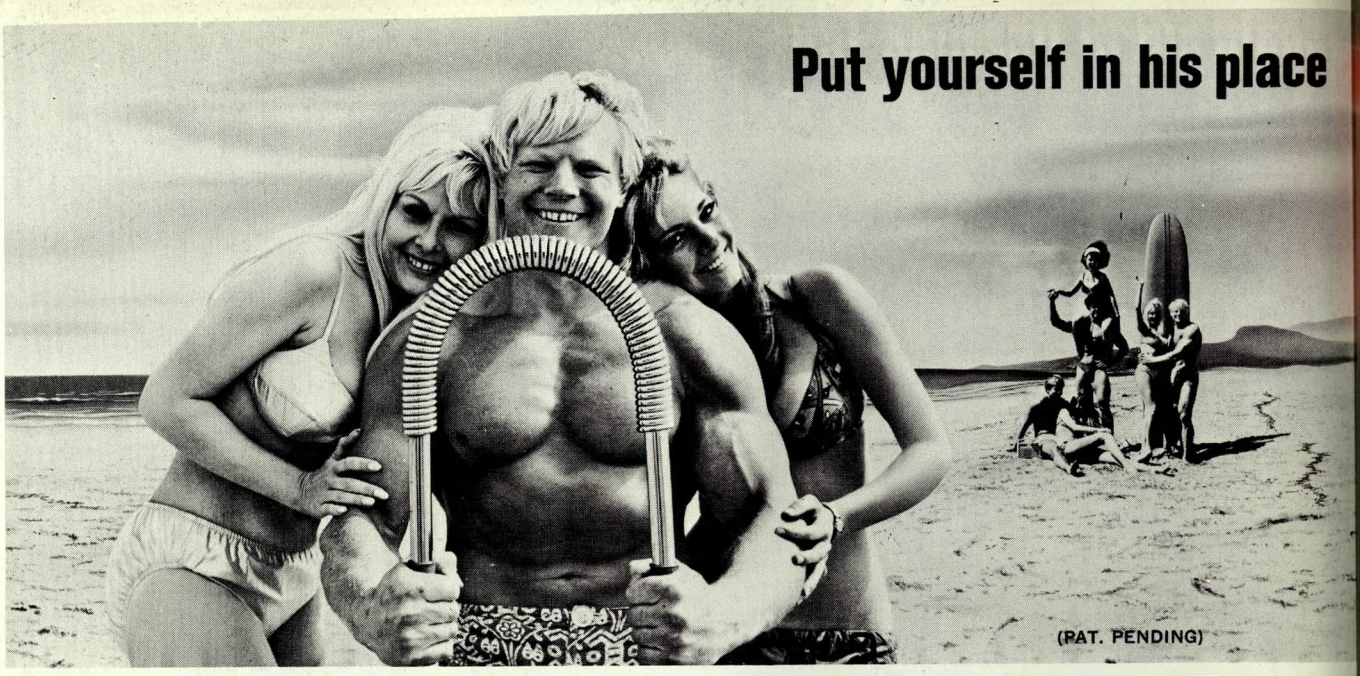

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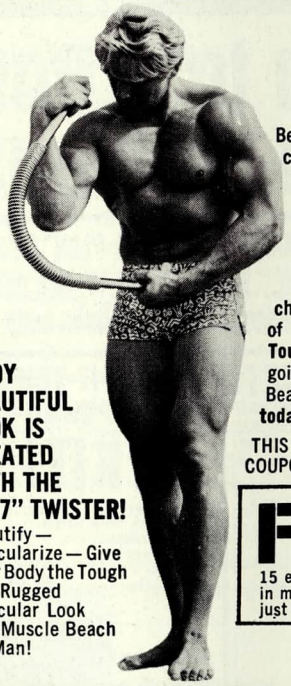

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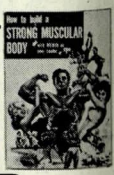

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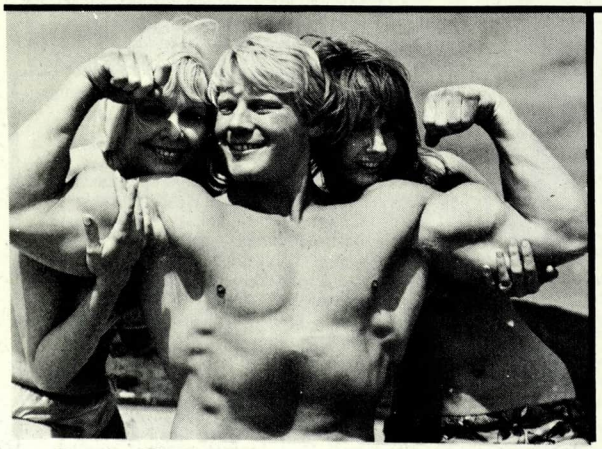

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